



The Villages Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes for March 2023

These minutes are the board-approved record of The Villages Amateur Radio Club's expenditures of club funds, property transactions, contractual agreements and proceedings involving membership votes since the last General Membership meeting. The current club property inventory and financial report can be found on the club's website.

March 6 , 2023, TVARC Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting, which was held via Zoom, began at 6 PM. Officers present: President George Briggs, (K2DM), Vice President Mike Regan, (KM4ZTE), Treasurer Bruce Cusanelli, (WA1UTQ), Secretary Faith Olen, (N4FMO) and Board Member at Large Rich Erlichman, (ND4G). A Quorum, 5 of 5 officers, was present.

Sam Miceli, (KJ4KJY) and Ron Adcock,(K4YCW) discussed with the board possible future assistance to CERT. The assistance includes the area of communications within a possible scenario where cell services would be interrupted and the CERT repeater would be down or disabled. The board unanimously voted to continue working on establishing protocols related to a communications relationship between TVARC and CERT during a time such as CERT repeater might be out of service during an emergency.

K2DM, George, stated a newer accurate inventory of equipment, owned by the club, needed to be done. Mike Regan, KM4ZTE, volunteered to re-inventory club equipment.

It was unanimously voted to order 2 separate Apache transport cases to hold Icom 7300s and 2 accompanying MFJ 2430 MPF power supplies for a total of \$300.00 plus taxes and shipping for the cases.

Bruce Cusanelli, WA1UTQ, gave a treasurer's report.

The board discussed possible future programs for the monthly club meetings. The March TVARC meeting will be about the Radio Rodeo in April. There was also interest expressed for a possible program on FT8 operations for the month of May.

Radio Rodeo Details: Suggested dates were April 15 or April 22. Rich Erlichman, ND4G, volunteered to contact the recreation department and complete proper forms. The need for chair availability and exhibits were also discussed.

No other discussions or actions were taken.

March 16, 2023 TVARC Membership Meeting Minutes

After the 45-minute period of socializing, the president opened the meeting at 6:45 PM 57 members attended.

The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance, after which new members and visitors were asked to introduce themselves. This was followed by members announcing significant anniversaries and birthdays.

President's Report

George, K2DM, then proceed to give the following report from the board:

A date for Radio Rodeo has been set for April 15th 2023. Approval to hold the event at Brownwood Paddock Square has been obtained.

Two MFJ-4230 MPF power supplies for our two IC-7300 transceivers have been purchased. Also purchased are two Apache 5800 cases for storing and transporting our two Icom IC 7300 transceivers and their associated MFJ power supplies.

A new inventory of the TVARC equipment was taken by KM4ZTE and K2DM on March 7th. The updated list can be found on the TVARC website.

George then presented a discussion about members of CERT and TVARC working together to develop a relationship between the two organizations. The proposal is for TVARC members to provide emergency communications to CERT in the event of: A major outage of cell phone and data services; A failure or loss of the CERT business band repeater; A volume of message traffic that exceeds what can be passed accurately on single channel. When such an occasion arises, volunteers from TVARC's Em-Comm group would be assigned to CERT area supervisors to assist in passing messages.

TVARC's Em-Comm coordinators are WA1UTQ, W4GOR and K4YCW. CERT's interface to TVARC is KJ4KJY. Details of the relationship and operating protocols need to be worked out. Assuming we go ahead, we will need to identify volunteers in TVARC who can be called upon when needed. John Longacre, Lt./Emergency Resource Specialist, has also given approval for CERT and TVARC to work together.

Next K2DM reminded members about the importance of paying their dues. 311 members are in good standing and are current. 103 members are lagging and have not paid this year. They have until 12/31/2023 to pay or they will officially be in arrears. 43 members have not paid since 2021, and they are in arrears. The 43 members have been contacted.

Treasurer's Report

Bruce, WA1UTQ, reviewed with membership a synopsis of financial transactions in February. At the end of February the treasury had a balance of \$6,368.88.

Bruce also reported on the status of the club's three repeaters and various other repeaters in the area. 145.110 had a new antenna installed and Digital Repeater Fusion.

DXCC Standings

Pete, K2PS, described the latest DXCC standings, member accomplishments, and upcoming contests/expeditions.

Break

Radio Rodeo Planning

George explained Radio Rodeo for new members. This will be a public operating event to be held at Brownwood. We will set up a couple of stations on the air, complete with antennas. We will have an Ambassador table to greet interested passersby. Signup sheets for license classes and for club membership will be available. The date is April 15, 2023. This coincides with the Saturday Farmers' Market. The Recreation Department and Entertainment Department have been contacted. Everything should be dropped off by 7:00 AM to clear cars out for Farmers' Market.

Detailed planning for Radio Rodeo followed leading to the generation of a list of who will bring what to the event. There was quite a bit of give and take among the members, and we look to be well prepared for the event.

General Membership Adjourned

Just before adjournment, K2DM reminded everyone that there was a new group of items donated by Kathy Yulke, for sale. Please see the website or talk with K2DM, George, directly.

After 50/50 tickets were drawn, George adjourned the general membership meeting at 8:15 PM.