



The Villages Amateur Radio Club Minutes for May 2022

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.

I. May 5, 2022, TVARC Board Meeting Minutes

President George, (K2DM) open TVARC Zoom board meeting, 6:00pm

Officers present: President George Briggs, (K2DM), Vice President Mike Regan, (KM4ZTE), Secretary Paul Parker, (K3ALP), Treasurer Bruce Cusanelli, (WA1UTQ), and Member at Large Rich Erlichman, (ND4G). A Board Meeting Quorum (5 of 5 officers) was present. The following visitors attended the Board Meeting: John Ellis, (NP2B) and George Rutkoskie, (W4GOR).

Zoom Room Opening: 5:45pm

Meeting Open:6:pm

George, minutes need to be updated in a timely manner. March minutes are posted, and April minutes are on the way. The inventory has been completed, next due in 5 months.

Next was a discussion about utilizing the May meeting to plan Field Day, which will take place June 24 - 26.

Bruce status 2-meter Repeater status new repeater is working; callsign K4VRC; antenna needs replacing. Thinking about linking 2 meters with both 440 machines. Next board meeting agenda will include discussions about linking repeaters and buying a new antenna. The board will need to approve any purchases.

Status of Hurricane EXPO, booth May 6 ready to go, hand-outs, George(W4GOR), Treasurer Bruce Cusanelli, (WA1UTQ), 10 am – 2pm Savannah Center. All TVARC members are invited to stop by.

Camp Villages has been scheduled for July 7 at Eisenhower at 10AM. The recreation department is going to acquire the 12 FM radio kits. Bob Schwer (K3ZGA) will be asked to have a CW table as in past years.

KE1EF equipment silent auction George is putting the final touches on the item listing on the club website. He will send out a notice on the reflector soon, and Rich will post the information on the club website.

Field Day June 24 – 26,2022 Bruce will assure that the Sumter County Emergency Services trailer is delivered on the 24th. George will submit an application to the recreation department for the event. George would like to have 5 separate stations setup. Mike volunteered to prepare an information sheet for the Eisenhower staff. We will use the May general membership meeting to involve the members in detailed planning for the event.

George, (W4GOR) suggested a new vendor for the club mugs and name badges. The board may take this suggestion up at a future meeting. Mike noted that we have 10 mugs on hand to give to presenters. George (W4GOR) also suggested that TVARC might get involved in handling communication during Village sports events, for example to relay scores or emergence call information. The board will consider this suggestion at a future meeting.

Bruce (WA1UTQ), treasure report accepted.

President Closed Meeting at 7:07 pm

Respectfully submitted,

K3ALP, Secretary Paul Parker, TVARC

II. May 19, 2022, TVARC General Membership Minutes

There were 64 of 244 total members signed in as being present for meeting. This includes 22 new members. There was a quorum (25%) to conduct business.

The meeting began as usual with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the introduction of new members and quests, then birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. Thanks for helping Karen (K4ZDM)

President's Report

George, (K2DM) announced that tonight's meeting would focus on planning for Field Day, which will be June 25-26.

He thanked Bruce, (WA1UTQ) and George, (W4GOR) for hosting a TVARC table at Hurricane Expo on May 6.

He also covered the upcoming Silent Auction and items up for bid. The auction will begin in a few days.

George announced that we have signed up for Camp Villages again for July 7 at Eisenhower.

Brad, (KN9B) has reserved rooms for license classes in the fall and next winter.

Since WA1UTQ was busy programming HTs for members, W4GOR gave a summary of Hurricane Expo, which went very well.

Thank you to this month's cookie monster, Karen Regan.

Treasure Report

Bruce, (WA1UTQ), Reviewed with membership a synopsis of financial transactions. May 2022, financial report club balance of \$9,868.68 in treasure.

DXCC Standings

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

Membership Discussions

TVARC membership had discussion surrounding radios, antennas, laptops, and their location for "ARRL/TVARC" Field Day June 25-26 weekend.

Suggestions:

1. Volunteers needed for setup and breakdown
2. Radios to cover amateur radio spectrum
3. Elmer volunteers / New Technician
4. Mobile radio equipped
5. TVARC Ambassador booth/table outside the trailer
6. Restroom access 24/7
7. Food/ refreshments
8. Table with TVARC handouts.

Members in attendance were reminded to try attending the QCWA (Quarter Century Wireless Association) brunch on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 10am, at Perkin's Restaurant on Route 441 in Lady Lake.

General Membership Adjourned

President George, (K2DM) adjourned general membership meeting 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

K3ALP, Secretary Paul Parker, TVARC