

**Minutes of the Villages Amateur Radio Club**  
**15th June 2010**

The Meeting was called to order by the President, George Rutkoskie, W4GOR, at 7:05 pm at the Intrepid Room of Lake Miona Recreation Center. Guests were greeted personally by The President. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and all were thanked for their attendance.

The President asked for **The Minutes** of the previous meeting 18th of May, 2010. The Minutes were available for the members to review from the Internet, and copies were passed out at the meeting. He asked for any comments or corrections, and then requested a Motion to accept the Minutes. The motion was made and seconded by several members. The Motion passed by a voice vote.

**The Treasurer's Report** was then called for. Copies of the Report were passed around. The Treasurer, Bob Goodspeed, WB3HML, read the report and explained the entries. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Report. The motion was passed by voice vote.

**Committee Reports:** Villages Radio Club shirts, hats, and Badges are available. These members include: Joe, KC9PEZ, Lota, AC7V, Charley, WA4DZX, and Leon, who needed his done over. Please check with George for your order.

**ARES Report** was presented by George. We have gotten the D-Star Node on line. It is connected to the Internet full time. Everyone got a look at it and we retired to the Meeting room for a session on Addressing the Radios. They have Four Registers: My Call, Ur Call, Repeater I, and Repeater II. We covered several cases which require different Syntax. A Handout was given all for study. We hope to get the old DR-605T's to offer to Members of the Club. Any that are left over we will trade-off for D-Star Radios. The Emergency Manager is also being offered used Laptops from Law Enforcement Cars. Several have been turned over to him for use in the Operations Center, The next batch could go into the Go-Kits for D-Rats use. Next Month we will talk about D-Plus and in August we will cover D-Rats. Meanwhile we will assist members setting up their Radios. You may Register anytime for D-Star Users at <<https://74.4.216.139/Dstar.do>> When you get to the site, ignore the red screen, and click "enter anyway." So far no Hurricanes, but we will not get away Scot-free this year!

**The Club Education Report** was presented by Dennis Hardoin. We will be holding a Program with the Grade School June 16<sup>th</sup> using our Radios to demonstrate for and with the Students. Frank et al. went to Belleview Elementary and had code, HF and demonstrations. We will participate with Villages Camp August 3, and 4. Next year we will be working with TWO Schools and the Middle School. There will be another License Exam in August. The Examiner will be Hal Lloyd, W4OE. He will be assisted by at least three or four Extra Class Hams. The Date of the Exam will be Monday, August 16th at 7 pm. The Site is Station 51 on Bonita Drive. All Classes of Test will be available. If you would like to Up-grade, contact Hal for a place in the Class, Telephone: 751-4976

**Field Day:** Dennis is still Planning for Field Day. Lists were passed around by Dennis for Set-up, Tear Down, Operators, and Loggers for this years Field Day. All were encouraged to sign-up. Many hands make light work. We need Operators. They are the ones who make the score. Be There!

**DX-County Hunters Committee** Fran and Carol are monitoring this. Six Meters (The Magic

Band) has been open. Frank Gudicello has made some good contacts on Six Meters lately. As the Summer gets on, the Sunspot cycle will get more active and stir up the Bands (as well as the Hurricanes) !!

**ARRL NEWS**—There are many Events during the Summer. Check your QST Magazine!

**QCWA:** Hal Lloyd, W4OE, President of the Quarter Century Wireless Association would like to invite all the members to a meeting at the Veranda in Lake Sumter Landing on the Second Thursday of the month at 10:30 am. We have our own Chapter right here in the Villages.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** **With Regret the President accepted a Letter** from the Treasurer, Bob Goodspeed, who said he needed to Resign from the Office. The President will make arrangements to replace the Treasurer by the formal process in our Constitution. Stay tuned for his decision as soon as he is sure of the correct procedure.

**Elmers:** There were no new problems.

**Ideas for Meetings:** The President had asked for suggestions regarding Programs for Club Meetings in the next few months. Jules Deschenes has agree to present part of a previous program he had done on the latter topic: The History of Ham Radio at the August meeting of TVARC. Those of us who have heard the Presentation will tell you this is a great program!!

**The Club Website:** You will find it at the hyperlink on [www.tvarc.net](http://www.tvarc.net). It has a wealth of information on it including Weather, hyperlinks, and Club Data. The Firehouse 51 Weather Station is to be found there. It is always interesting to see what the weather is like at any hour of the day. These Minutes are posted there too for your review. There is also a hyperlink to the Sumter County ARES Group.

**Sunshine Report** R.B. is getting along fine at home.

**The Cookie Monster list** was passed around for additional volunteers. We are filled out for the year. Thanks.

**The Fifty-fifty drawing** was held and the Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Comments for the Good of the Order were requested, and the Meeting adjourned.

**The Program was** by Frank Gudicello. He presented material about Field-Day--Hints and Kinks on How to Score

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Crowell, W5TWR, Secretary