

February 13, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice President John Bigley

All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance: Dave Stott(N9DBS), Bob Heuer(KD9DDE), Lorin Johnson(KD9CXC), John Bigley(KD9DQZ), Mike Erstad(K9RAB), J.P.Trzebiatowski – Guest, Jeffery Kitz(KD9FYU), Paul Clay(N7EKY), Phil Heitmanek(KF9RS), Ryan Bresnahan(KD9ANT), Jim Smaglick(WD9BCR), Bill Alton(KG9RH), Dale Brix(N5QH), Rick Johnson – Guest.

Minutes from the January 9, 2019 meeting were approved.

Treasures' report for February meeting were approved.

TECH TALK –

Paul Clay again arranged for Mike Bresnahan, President of the Rhindlander Repeater Association, to give us his insights and understandings of the digital D-STAR network. With the D-STAR system being operational from the Sayner repeater, and with some members VCARC having the capabilities of using D-STAR, this presentation proved very useful. Our thanks to Mike for taking his time to give this talk to our club and again to Paul Clay for making the arrangements.

New Business:

Bob “RayBob” Heuer, Treasurer, brought forward the motion that VCARC should take advantage of the current offer by Yaesu to upgrade our current repeater, located at Ministry Hospital. Yaesu is offering to upgrade this repeater to their new model for a charge of \$350. Since our current repeater is starting to have some issues and is out of warranty, and the new model will not only have all the new software and hardware upgrades, but also carry a new 3 year warranty, that the club should take advantage of their current upgrade program.

The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote from those present.

Next meeting scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.

7:30 P.M. meeting adjourned.