

**Vilas County Amateur Radio Club, Inc**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 10, 2018 6:00 PM**  
**Eagle River Fire Department**

1. Meeting called to Order. By Fred KD9CCE at 6 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – All stood for Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introductions and Roster – Introductions complete and Roster sheet passed.  
Attendees: KG9RH Bill, KD9EPX Roger, N9GJ Greg, N9GCJ Jenni, KD9CXC Lorin, N7EKY Paul, N9DBS Dave, K9BBN Mike, KD9FYU Jeffrey, KF9US Phil, KD9DQZ John, WD9BCR Jim, KC9SZW Tony. Total 13.
4. Reading of Minutes by Roger KD9EPX Motion by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim, Passed
5. Treasurers Report by RayBob, KD9CCE Don K W9WZ donated \$100 for coax from estate sale, Gary Shaffler donated \$110, ending balance 3494.63  
Motion by Dave, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim, report approved.
6. VCARC Repeaters and Net Report by Net Manager Roger KD9EPX.
  - a. The Land o' Lakes 390 had new Diamond X700 dual band installed by Len N9QIP on September 8<sup>th</sup>. It checks at 1.2:1. Duplexer showed very poor receive, we pulled the power and the cans for testing. After about 50 hours work between Jeffrey and Roger, we re-installed the cans, only to see the repeater VFO/PLL module fail within 10 minutes. We pulled it out, Tony got it routed to Frank's Motorola, repaired, & brought back. Tony and Roger re-installed October 14<sup>th</sup>, running super well since then.
  - b. The VCARC Monday night net is formal with report only on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, other nights are informal roundtables by anyone with time to be NCS, no report needed. The LoL 390 is also active at these times for signal checks. C4FM net normally follow the analog nets, N7EKY as NCS.
  - c. Noted Red's 195 repeater will be relocated to Monaqua by end November.
  - d. Long discussion on FM Digital Voice re a club project and SIG to support it. All agreed was a worthwhile project, and Paul N7EKY agreed to initiate via a survey.
7. Upcoming events- Tech talk on Spectrum Analysis by Phil KF9US follows.
8. Upcoming Classes and VE exams – Bob KC9RF, Paul N7EKY: None currently.
9. Tech Talk and Work Group Update – Paul N7EKY Nothing currently planned
10. NPARC School Club – John KD9DQZ – Not many students showing up, 20-6m hex beam installed by Andy, Paul and Bob. Need more technically capable instructors.
11. Salvation Army Team Emergency Net (SATERN) Update – Roger for Scott W9JU:  
No update except Hurricane net actions completed and pending. SATERN.net.
12. VCARC Website – Fred KD9CCE – Is always being updated and looking for

suggestions.

## **New Business**

1. APRS – discussion on getting more online, some still finishing new QTH's plan on it
2. Club Officer Election. The new VCARC Constitution and Bylaws moves the process from the last quarter of the year to the summer months. The process is 3 steps:
  1. Name a nominating committee – moved from October to May
  2. Announce the nominees – moved from November to June
  3. Conduct an election – moved from December to July
3. Club Officer Terms. With the change of election process dates some terms must be adjusted subject to approval of club membership.
  1. Vice President John KD9DQZ and Treasurer RayBob KD9DDE will serve through July 2020.
  2. President Fred KD9CCE will serve through July 2019.
  3. Secretary Roger KD9EPX will end after December 2018. A special election can be held or the position remain open until July 2019.
4. We would like to begin the process of establishing and electing a Board of Directors earlier than mid-summer of next year. Communications to follow later this month.
5. We would like to begin planning a spring or early summer club picnic. RayBob KD9DDE has offered his backwoods property as a location. This is also an opportunity to have a look at his off-grid electrical generating system if you have not already done so.

## **Future meeting Schedule**

The next VCARC Ham Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday October 27 at 9:00AM, Friendship House in Eagle River.

Next meeting – the next scheduled club meeting date and time is Wednesday November 14, at 6:00 PM at the Eagle River Fire Department

No Tech Talk yet scheduled for November.

There was discussion on whether to renew our membership in Phelps Chamber of Commerce. End result was unanimous decision to NOT renew.

Meeting adjourned, Phil KF9US gave a great demo on Spectrum Analysis, Thanks, Phil!

- Dues are due for 2018 - \$15 single and \$20 family