

July 8, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Bob Barnum

All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance

In attendance: Bob(KC9RF), Dave(N9DBS), Jeffery(KD9FYU), Dave(K3GOM), RayBob(KD9DDE), Scott(W9JU), Jim(KD9MVD), Jeff(N9NIC), Roger(KD9EPX), Paul(N7EKY), Deb(KD9DYL), Dennis(KC9SKA).

Minutes from June 10, 2020 meeting accepted

Treasures Report from June 10, 2020 meeting accepted

Tech Talk: Field Day Review

The Vilas County Amateur Radio Club operated a total of 5 stations at the annual Field Day event this year. The event was held at Sugar Camp Public Park. The permission for this event to be held at this location was attained by Vice President John Bigley and everyone in attendance felt that this site worked out beautifully and that the site should be reserved for next years Field Day. John informed the club that the site has already been reserved for the next 2 years. Our thanks to John for making these arrangements.

New Business:

Election of Officers for the coming year.

Current officers of the Vilas County Amateur Radio Club have volunteered to serve in the present positions for another year and this proposal was put to a club vote and passed with no one opposing.

Old Business:

Response to survey on upgrading the Land O Lakes repeater to make it capable of handling Wires-X

With 23 members responding to survey the results are a follows:

Do you have any Yaesu Radio that has C4FM or has WIRES-X capability:

Yes 62.5%

No 37.5%

Do you have a Hot-Spot for any of the digital modes. For example Dstar, DMR, or C4FM/ System Fusion.

Yes 37.5%

No 62.5%

Thru a WIRES-X Repeater, would you like to link up to Anywhere in WI, MI, USA, or have world wide contacts.

Yes 54.17%

No 45.83%

If the Land O Lakes repeater had WIRES-X capability, would you be likely to purchase a radio with those capabilities ?

Scale 1-5 where 1 is least likely and 5 most likely

1- 40.91%

2- 4.55%

3- 18.18%

4- 13.64%

5- 22.73%

The cost to VCARC to purchase equipment and install is estimated to be around \$900. Would you be infavor of the club purchasing this equipment?

Yes 41.67%
No 29.17%
Don't Care 29.17%

Also mentioned was the fact that the Land O Lakes repeater is not being used much by anyone.

Motion as to whether or not to upgrade Land O Lakes repeater to Wires-X was moved to next month meeting for further discussion.

New Business:

Roger brought up idea of offering to other clubs our MS-5000 repeater as a donation. Club members felt that that was an excellent idea.

Emergency Fund:

Motion made to keep a bank balance of \$ 1500.00 as an emergency fund. Motion was accepted by all in attendance.

Motion was also made that any expenditure in excess of \$300.00 be submitted to the club at least two weeks in advance of meetin so that it may be addressed at the next upcoming meeting. Motion advanced and seconded and passed.

Next meeting of the Vilas County Amateur Radio Club : 6 PM August 12, 2020