

Vilas County Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2018 6:00 pm
Eagle River Fire Department

1. Meeting called to Order. 1800 hours CT
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introductions and Roster 14 attendees, including Fred KD9CCE, John KD9DQZ, Lorin KD9CXC, Tom KD9JIB, Jeffrey KD9FYU, Tony KD9SZW, Richard W9RGV, Karla KB6LAS, Scott WA9STI, Bob KC9RF, RayBob KD9DDE, Cheri KE8GUA, Terry K4ZTX, Roger KD9EPX
4. Reading of Minutes - Roger KD9EPX Forgot printed, beg forgiveness, see website!
5. Treasurers Report - RayBob, KD9CCE Final check for \$750 to NPARC, on next months. See Treasurers report on website.
6. VCARC Repeaters and Net Report, Wisconsin Association of Repeaters (WAR) Update - Roger KD9EPX, Tony KC9SZ
Tony advised President Dave Carr of WAR had resigned, smoother progress hoped for. Roger discussed the ER repairs, upcoming Lando work, possible link options. Paul will donate a wireless X box for Lando. Fred's checking with Ted of ChoiceTel for FO [Fiber Optic] options at both sites. Research on linking posted to website.
7. Upcoming Classes and VE exams – Bob KC9RF, Paul N7EKY
So far 3 students for Thursday afternoon class, the Saturday classes in August might be cancelled within a week or so.
8. Tech Talk and Antenna Workshop Update – Paul N7EKY, Bob KC9RF.
July 28th, will be after the breakfast around 1030. \$22 to Bob KC9RF by 20th for parts purchase, 6m Moxon antenna.
9. Northland Pines Amateur Radio Club (NPARC) Eagle River Area Schools Club Update – John KD9DQZ reported still waiting to hear on funding from the district to the club. Club has received the last donated \$750 check.
10. Salvation Army Team Emergency Net (SATERN) Update – Scott W9JU
No update.
11. VCARC Website – Fred KD9CCE
Updates and new information are added weekly. Note the For Sale section that replaces the For Sale By Members section in the newsletter. Network and repeater information and updates are added usually the day they occur. The web committee is interested in any feedback.

<http://www.vcarc.net/>

New Business

1. Vote #1 on the proposed Constitution/Bylaws document introduced at the June meeting. Two passing votes at two meetings are required to adopt the new document which will replace two existing documents, the VCARC Constitution, and VCARC Bylaws. The second vote will be at the August meeting.

Why are we proposing to adopt a new Constitution/Bylaws?

- The current documents are redundant, basically containing the same content worded differently. This adds complexity to making changes to our governance documents.
- The current documents do not allow for making changes in a timely manner. For instance, to make a change in the election date, from December to July so that we can include out of town members in the process, would require both documents to be edited for the change, then read into the minutes in two consecutive meetings, then voted on by the membership. A single document will allow changes to be made in a more timely manner with less staff effort.
- The proposed document provides for a Board of Directors. See Article IV Section 5.

The three documents, VCARC Constitution, VCARC Bylaws, and VCARC Constitution and Bylaws Proposed Draft 6-13-18, can be downloaded and reviewed from here:

<http://www.vcarc.net/club-business-documents.html>

A lively discussion followed with amendments that

- 1) board members are elected at same time as officers,
- 2) can be interim appointed by officers until next election,
- 3) and intent to move elections into Summer.
- 4) It was clarified Board members have no vote unless full club members.
- 5) The proposal with amendments was approved by unanimous vote.

2. For discussion. Please review the Wilderness Protocol posted on the web site here:

<http://www.vcarc.net/wilderness-protocol.html>

If the club supports and promotes the use of the Wilderness Protocol as does the Rhinelander Repeater Association (RRA), this leads into the next topic, use of simplex 146.52.

Another good discussion with clarifications from Scott, overall approved as a 'recommended best practice' by the club.

3. For discussion. Use of the National Calling Frequency 146.52. Please review the communication provided by Scott WA9STI posted here:

<http://www.vcarc.net/national-calling-frequency.html>

Question - should VCARC adopt as a club protocol or policy that 146.52 be used as a calling channel only?

After great discussion, agreed that 146.520 FM National Calling Simplex should be analog only, only short contact times. 146.55 and 146.58 should be local area analog simplex secondaries, 146.490 simplex for digital FM modes. This is now recommended practice.

4. Future meetings and events schedule.

- The next VCARC Ham Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday July 28, 9:00 am, at the Friendship House in Eagle River.
- The next scheduled club meeting date and time is Wednesday August 8, at 6:00 pm at the Eagle River Fire Department.
- There are no Tech Talks scheduled at this time. Please step up and offer your experience and expertise!

5. Adjournment. At 1908 hours CT.

Secretary, Roger H Schutt, KD9EPX, posted July 12, 2018 Updated per request August 9th.
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