

**Vilas County Amateur Radio Club, Inc**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Aug 8, 2018 6:00 pm**  
**Eagle River Fire Department**

1. Meeting called to Order at 6 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introductions were done and roster sheet passed around. Total attendees 11.  
Bob KC9RF, Paul N7EKY, Mike K9BBN, Phil KF9IS, Jeffrey KD9FYU,  
Lorin KD9CXC, Dave N9DBS, Roger KD9EPX, RayBob KD9DDE, Fred KD9CCE,  
and newcomer Andy S who is studying for Technician exam. Welcome, Andy!
4. Minutes were read and passed with request for clarity added re the amendments added at the July meeting. This was done on website as of August 8, 2018, 1700 hours.
5. Treasury Report by RayBob – Begin \$4,969.63, Dues & Donations = 0,  
Pay outs were \$200 for insurance, \$750 transferred to NPARC, Balance \$4,019.68.
6. Repeaters and WAR report: Roger gave an update on the efforts to get tower help for the Lando antenna swap. Bob going to try via Laurie at SonicNet while Fred is checking through another group involved in the Rural BroadBand Project. Roger produced a basic Request For Quote (RFQ) to be sent out. All personnel at the site must have appropriate insurance via the VCARC or their business. No linking options discussed. Getting the antenna replaced is priority. Tony will be attending the next WAR meeting.
7. Upcoming classes and VE exams – Thursday PM classes continue through end of August for the three current students. No VE exams currently scheduled.
8. Tech Talk and Antenna workshop went very well. Good learning experience for all. Many thanks to Bob KC9RF for all his efforts.
9. Northland Pines Amateur Radio Club (NPARC) update – Paul advised a 40-6m hex beam and related items are in process of being ordered. They also have a DMR radio and a digital hotspot is being constructed.
10. Salvation Army Team Emergency Team (SATERN) update – none, see website for latest.
11. VCARC Website – Fred gave update, all club documents, network status and reports, for sale and trade, and many other topics available and more added all the time.  
[Http://www.vcarc.net/](http://www.vcarc.net/)

## **New Business**

1. The 2<sup>nd</sup> vote on the proposed Constitution/Bylaws document introduced at the June meeting passed again with unanimous approval. The new combined document is now in effect. This is Constitution and Bylaws Proposed Draft V2 8-5-2018.

The amendments were: a) the officers can appoint persons to the board on an interim basis, b) the board members are voted in at same time as officers, c) that the intent is to move election into late Summer/early Fall, and clarified board members do not unless full club members and licensed amateur operators.

The currently valid documents are at <http://vcarc.net/club-business-documents.html>

2. Phelps Twin Triathlon will be Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup> from 7am – 1pm. All volunteers meet at the Phelps Chamber of Commerce office at 7am. HT's with extended antennas or mag mounts for a vehicle or standard 50 watt mobiles are needed. With enough volunteers we can staff all checkpoints with 2 to a vehicle, eliminating some mobiles. Those who can should set up and test HT-mobile crossband mode.

A second planning meeting will be held Wednesday August 22 6pm at the Chamber Office. Fred and Roger will be attending and others are invited.

3. Future meetings and events schedule.

- The next VCARC breakfast is to be determined.
- The next scheduled meeting date is Wednesday September 12, 6:00pm at the Eagle River Fire Department.
- There are no Tech Talks or SIGS scheduled at this time. Volunteers needed!

Roger Schutt KD9EPX, Secretary Posted to web Aug 8, 2018 2005 Hours CT