

Vilas County Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2018 6:00 pm
Eagle River Fire Department

1. Meeting called to order by President Fred, KD9CCE at 6:03pm
2. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introductions were made and roster passed. Present were RayBob KD9DDE, Fred KD9CCE, Roger KD9EPX, Jeffrey KD9FYU, Mike K9BBN, Paul N7EKY, Lorin KD9CXC, Dave N9NBC, Jeff K9LFN, Dale N5QH and we welcomed first time guest Rick Johnson of Eagle River. Hello Rick!
4. Reading of last meeting minutes by Roger KD9EPX. Accepted and passed
5. Treasurers Report was read by RayBob KD9DDE. Accepted and passed. \$3,652.02 current balance.
6. Repeaters and Net Report. Roger KD9EPX advised repeaters running very well. He and Jeffrey KD9FYU will continue to work on any future issues as well as repair the VCO module for our spare Motorola. The Wisconsin Association of Repeaters (WAR) finally has the Land O' Lakes repeater properly registered. There has been minimal daily traffic on most local frequencies, and check-ins are generally low. The spare repeater, a six-can duplexer, and spare cables are at Tony KC9SZW.s location.

Roger announced the last formal VCARC net will be 12/17. Other NCS operators are needed if the net is to continue. Please contact Roger to volunteer.

There are now two APRS digipeaters in the area east of Eagle River. Mike K9BBN operates The Nutty Squirrel digipeater about ten miles east of Eagle River off of highway 70, and Fred KD9CCE operates The BogNet digipeater on Old Military Road in northeast Three Lakes. Scott WA9STI operates a digipeater on Cranberry Lake when he is here in God's country and not at his Left Coast Los Angeles QTH.

The 145.450 repeater located east of Eagle River became operational full time in October of 2018. It has an elevation of 1789 feet that is 162.5 feet lower than Timms Hill which is the highest natural point in the state of Wisconsin. Its effective radiated power is 260 watts. It is an open and friendly repeater for anyone to use and there are no dues. To access it a user must be transmitting with a PL of 114.8 Hz.

7. Upcoming Classes and VE exams. Paul N7EKY reported none planned.
8. DMR Committee Update. No progress reported.
9. Officer resignations.
President Fred Bouwman, KD9CCE, resignation effective 12-31-2018
Secretary Roger Schutt, KD9EPX, resignation effective 12-31-2018

10. Appointment of club President and Secretary

Article V, Section Three of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Vilas County Amateur Radio Club, Inc., provisions the Executive Committee to fill vacancies in elected offices between elections.

Bob Barnum, KC9RF, has offered to accept the office of club President.

Dave Stott, N9DBS, has offered to take the office of club Secretary.

The Executive Committee (Fred Bouwman, John Bigley, Roger Schutt, Robert Heuer), hereby appoints Bob Barnum as VCARC President and Dave Stott as VCARC Secretary both effective 1-1-2019.

New Business

1. Future meetings and events schedule

Next VCARC Ham Breakfast -TBD

Next VCARC Meeting – TBD

Bob Barnum asked Paul N7EKY to find some Tech Talk speakers for January and February. Contact President-elect Bob Barnum KC9RF, for details and schedules.