

# Vilas County Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

P.O. Box 1141, Eagle River, WI

W9VRC

3-14-2018

President Fred Bouwman (KD9CCE) called the meeting to order at 18:00 at the Eagle River Fire Station, 820 E Pine Street, Eagle River, WI.

All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions completed, 19 attendees, 2 arriving after introductions.

Fred KD9CCE, Roger KD9EPX, Dave N9DBS, Dick W9RGV, Jeffrey KDFYU, Ray KB9CBL, Jim WB9BLR, Andy N9NPC, Lorin KD9CXC, Phil KF9US, Mike K9BBN, Jeff K9LFN, John KD9DQZ, RayBob KD9DDE, Paul N7EKY, Dan WV9X, KE8GUA Cheri B, Sabrina B no callsign.

**Paid Members [47] as of 29 Mar 2018: Debbie Grabowski, Jenni Johnson, Sandie Nies, Paul Hass, Madelyn Korbas, Karla Hanley, Robert Heuer, Raymond Mark, Paul Clay, Anthony Campion, Fred Bouwman, Alan Janquart, Lorin Johnson, Andrew Falkenstern, Tim Massmann, John Bigley, David Zielinski, Dave Stott, Bob Barnum, Roger Schutt, Walter Lyons, Bob Cahill, Robert Parsons Jr., Bill Shillington, William Alton, Donald Korbas, Richard Volland, Richard Hoekstra, Jeffrey Kitz, Scott Ruesch, Victor Verdev, James Smaglick Jr., Jeff Rappold, Mike Erstad, Dave Brix, Philip J Hejtmanek, Richard Reinhart, Scott Hanley, Bill Grabowski, Dennis Hammer, Greg Johnson, Michael Nies, LeRoy Hass, Richard Albrecht, Mike Hamman, Jeffrey Hammer, Ron Simmons.**

**Minutes** of the 10 Jan 2017 minutes were read by Roger (KD9EPX). A motion was made [Andy] and seconded [Dave S] to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

**Fund Raising** Committee Report: UPDATE 29 Mar: Donations being received for the NPARC via both clubs from multiple donors. UPDATE: donations will be addressed in Treasurer and NPARC reports.

**Treasurers report.** Raybob (KD9DDE) gave the accounting report ending Feb 2018:

**Beginning Balance: 4303.45**

**Dues Paid: 215.00**

**Total Income: 4518.45**

**No Expenses: 0.00**

**Bank Balance: 4518.45**

***The IRS 990N Report has been filed for year end 2017.***

Motion made [Andy] and seconded [Dave S] to approve the treasurers report.  
Motion Carried.

**Repeater Report:** Jeff (KD9FYU) and Roger (KD9EPX) gave a report on the performance of the repeater. They are going to try different lengths of jumpers to improve repeater match to cans, and a KitzTech preamp to reduce the desensing issues which are very noticeable on weaker input signals. Time frame late Mar-early May. It was also noted that Vilas County is holding space at 160 feet for us on the Lemberger Tower in Conover. No plans to use that as yet. Ray (KB9CBL) is holding a repeater and duplexer that is in his garage for no particular site at this time. Discussed changing out the Vertigo 'Alien' antenna at Lando for a Diamond omni vertical, to improve pattern into UP, since doesn't fill into central Vilas as we hoped. Further discussion needed & check w/Vertigo for schedule/\$\$.

We also discussed hardening the ER repeater with solar & gen backed power, will discuss this ASAP with Ascension Health parties, possible cost sharing options.

UPDATE: Need a motion to approve purchase of dual band Diamond 700H and funds for Vertigo install, need quote & scheduling options from them.

**Special Events:** Journeys Marathon Sat May 12, both VCARC repeaters will be used..Ray KB9CBL for info...

**Net Report:** Net attendance slowly improving & going well. Both repeaters doing well except as noted for Lando. Otherwise everything else is working fine.

Roger (KD9EPX)

**VE Exams/classes:** none pending

**High School Radio Club:** Now have 10 students. They have two sessions a week & not all can do both sessions. Two regen radios completed & working, several more pending, antenna wire & insulators ready. Ch12 taped a lot 3/13, unsure when airing, supposedly 3/16. Lots of pending projects, Roger building whiteboards for all component type learning, Paul did a D-Star demo filmed by school crew, great DX contacts. Club still needs more volunteer trainers, especially with antenna construction & soldering skills. Paul (N7EKY)

UPDATE: 22 Mar 2018, Cheri KE8GUA showed & volunteered as Advisor for as often as she can make it. John & Dave K out of state for 30-60 days.

UPDATE: 11 APR, 4 more receivers almost completed. 4 tried exam, none passed.

**Tech Talks:** None scheduled at this time

**SATERN** update: The 15 Mar SATERN net went very well, 20 check-ins @45 mins ET. SATERN WECOM net fixed at 1830 Hrs 3rd Thu Monthly. Roger (KD9EPX) will be net control on 19 Apr. Central Territory net is NOW on 7.265 at 9:00 am every Wednesday. Andy (N9NBC) is net control. 14265 Daily except Sun for Int'l net.

UPDATE: Roger met Scott & Kyle at SATERN trailer site in Sugar Camp, went thru planning for communications gear setup 17 Mar 2018.

**Web Site:** Fred (KD9CCE) talked on the progress. In 2 weeks s/b ready for training & final setup. Those members with specific areas of interest will have edit/posting control over related website areas. Some training required, enquire within..

**UPDATE:** Roger and Fred slowly populating website, working on style consistency.

**Proposed changes to VCARC, Inc. Constitution:** Presented by Fred KD9CCE

**It was proposed for consideration of those attending that the bylaws & constitution be condensed into one only Bylaws. When re-written it will be presented to attending members at 2 consecutive meeting, if passed will be submitted to the ARRL & State of WI.**

**B) Add a dissolution clause, details specified in the Bylaws, defining the process of disposal of assets and assignment of network equipment and ownership (repeaters, etc.) in the event the club is dissolved.**

***Proposed addition:***

Article Nine – Dissolution of the Club

Section 1 Termination of Operation

In the event the Board of Directors and Executive Committee votes that the Club shall be dissolved the motion for dissolution must receive more than three fourths vote of the full membership in person or electronically.

Section 2 Disposition of Assets

The Executive Committee assisted by the Board of /Directors shall manage disbursement of Club assets.

No members of group of members shall financially benefit from the disposal of assets.

All equipment will be sold, repeaters and other network equipment sold and/or reassigned to willing groups or clubs, and net proceeds and remaining cash donated to non-profit organization(s).

**C) Change the term of office for club officers from 24 months to 12 months, process to be defined in the Bylaws.**

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***Existing copy:***

ARTICLE THREE

The Officers of VCARC shall include a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Immediate Past President acting as a Director. The Club Officers shall act as the Executive Committee. All Officers shall be members in good standing and licensed Amateur Radio Operators of any Class. The President shall also be a current member of the A.R.R.L. All Officers shall serve a 24 month term with Duties and Responsibilities as listed in the By-Laws if they wish to continue past the 12 month minimum.

***Proposed change:***

All Officers shall serve a 12 month minimum term with renewal to 24 months with Duties and Responsibilities as listed in the Bylaws.

**New Business:**

Will have a HAM breakfast on **31 March 2018 at 9:00 am**. Location is Friendship house in Eagle River. Possible tech talk at 1030, stay tuned.. Next date pending.

UPDATE: cancelled due to WX

Next meeting will be **Wednesday 11 April 2018 at 6:00 pm**. Meeting location as of now is same, Eagle River Fire Department. Roger now has entry key 24 March.

A motion to adjourn was made at 1900 pm. Motion was seconded. Motion Carried.

Submitted: 11 APRIL , 2018

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Roger Schutt (KD9EPX) Secretary

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Date Approved by VCARC