

Vilas County Amateur Radio Club, Inc
Meeting Minutes
May 9 2018 6:00 PM
Eagle River Fire Department

1. Meeting called to Order. By Fred KD9CCE at 6 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introductions and Roster
Attendees: Scott Ruesch W9JU, Paul Clay N7EKY, Dennis Hammer KC9SKA, Jeffrey Kitz KD9FYU, Mike Erstad K9BBN, Mike Nies KA9RAB, Sandie Nies KE8DQS, Bob Barnum KC9RF, Scott Hanley WA9STI, Phil Hejtmanek KF9US, John Bigley KD9DQZ, Tony Campion KC9SZW, RayBob Heuer KD9CCE

New: Big welcome to Mike and Sandy from the Iron River Club as well as Phil from Harshaw. Nice rig pixs on QRZ, AND he's into microwave comms! Think that's a first!
4. Reading of Minutes by Roger KD9EPX Motion Y 2nd Y Accepted Y
5. Treasurers Report by RayBob, KD9CCE Starting \$4347.67 Dues \$45
Expenses \$10 Donations \$450 Ending \$4782.63
Motion Y 2nd Y Accepted Y
6. VCARC Repeaters and Net Report by Roger KD9EPX, Jeffrey KD9FYU, Tony KC9SZW. There was a lively discussion on whether to enable the Eagle River repeater to AUTO mode for both digital C4FM Fusion as well as analog FM. After some technical explanation, consensus was to enable AUTO mode for trial from June 1st through Jun 29th. Roger will write up a technical explanation and post on website.

Net participation is low as everyone is very busy, all repeaters working well.

Also a proposal was approved for the purchase of a new Diamond X700HNA dual band antenna for about \$389 + shipping. RayBob will order ASAP. Fred will contact Vertigo Climbing Group LLC for schedule & pricing on the antenna replacement at the Land of Lakes tower.
7. Wisconsin Association of Repeaters (WAR) Update – Tony KC9SZW. After significant email traffic in past month, VCARC is re-filed for the 3rd time for the Land o' Lakes 145.390 and they claim approval is coming shortly. Their new policy includes a \$10 yearly dues payment, which Tony advises we should pay. RayBob can issue check next month or hold until we have the co-ordination approved.
8. Upcoming Events – none currently
9. Upcoming Classes and VE exams – Bob KC9RF, Paul N7EKY. Tentative Tech classes scheduled for first 2 weekends in August. Paul will commence media blitz.

10. Summits On The Air (SOTA) – Scott WA9STI.
Scott will be doing a multi-state SOTA activation tour later this month and he gave a brief rundown on how it is done. Keep watch on [sotawatch.org](http://www.sotawatch.org), fun contacts!
<http://www.vcarc.net/sota.html>
11. Tech Talk and Work Group Update – Bob KC9RF Bob will conduct a 6m beam building project as follows:
Where: Eagle River Business Incubator just off of Highway 70 on Enterprise Drive, go to end of road.
Schedule: Saturday July 28, 2018
10:00 AM Tech Project Moxon 6 Meter beam. If you want to build one cost is 22 dollars upfront. I will acquire all materials Money must be received by July 14th. If you would like to build your own email me for a parts list. Note you must bring your own coax to hookup to the beam this is not furnished. One end with a connector the other will be a short pigtail. Minimum 12 FT. coax can be RG8X, RG8U or equivalent.
Contact Bob KC9RF Cell 608-481-0297 or email rwb1636@gmail.com
12. Special Events – Journeys Marathon, Ray KB9CBL gave an update.
13. NPARC School Club – John KD9DQZ . John gave an update, school session ending soon. No passes so far on Tech exam.
14. Salvation Army Team Emergency Net (SATERN) Update – Scott W9JU gave an update on organization changes and upcoming Patriot Exercises for July 15-19th, reminded all of the SATERN VHF net via WECOM May 17th.
15. VCARC Constitution and Bylaws – Fred, KD9CCE
A proposal will be made to modify the existing club governance documentation by collapsing the the VCARC Constitution and Bylaws into a single bylaws document which addresses some of the points in the Vision document that was circulated to the membership on the Tuesday of this week. It can be found here:
<http://www.vcarc.net/vision-and-planning.html>

The existing bylaws and constitution can be found here:

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

16. VCARC Website – Fred KD9CCE More progress coming, should be usable and frequently updated by June. Four staff now trained for updating.

New Business

1. Future meeting Schedule

- Ham Breakfast – The next VCARC Ham Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday morning at Jun 13 at 9:00AM, Friendship House in Eagle River.

- Next meeting – the next scheduled club meeting date and time is Wednesday June 13 at 6:00 PM at the Eagle River Fire Department

- Next Tech Talk - July 28, 10AM, 6 meter beam project

2. - Dues are due for 2018 - \$15 single and \$20 family

Meeting adjourned, motion and 2nd, passed, 7:12 pm.

Submitted by Roger KD9EPX, Secretary. Posted June 6, 2018