VCARC MINUTES

October 14, 2026

Attendees

Bob Barnum KC9RF, Kirby Giampa W8DCD, Jeanne Giampa N9MUE, Kyle Ruesch AB9AX, Tony Campion KC9SZW, Troy Kane KE9AMI, Mark Feldman (Guest) KC9FND, Marie KD9VUB

ZOOM Attendees

RayBob KD9DDE, Ray WB9OCO, Tom Bahr W9TBZ, Fred KD9CCE, Jeff N9NIC

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Barnum at 6:00 PM.

All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions were made.

Minutes and Treasurers Reports were read, corrections were made with the Minutes, they were moved, seconded and accepted by all.

Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance for September:	**$4834.59**
Dues:	**$20.00**
Ending Balance for September:	**$4854.59**

Tech Talk

Kirby did an excellent job with his presentation on soldering connectors to cable. Thank you Kirby!

Old Business

The Land O'Lakes repeater now has the Hustler antenna.

RayBob's 20 amp made a big improvement.

We should consider adding a 100W amp that will run continuously with 100% duty cycle, no issues, it won't get hot like the cheaper amp and it won't last as long as the more expensive Henry amp is about $1,000 and the power supply is approximately $200. In emergencies, it runs and is cut back to 20 watts and will need a relay. The total cost is around $1,500, altogether.

New Business

American Tower, which owns the Sayner tower, is willing to work with us, if we can get a grant. It would cost $6,000 to $8,000 on a commercial tower, which would cover all of Vilas County and the coverage would extend beyond Rhinelander.

Motion was accepted, seconded and passed to go with the Land O'Lakes repeater.

Announcements

Check out the VCARC Facebook page is: Vilas County Amateur Radio Club.

VCARC Weekly Monday Night Net meets at 7:30 PM on 145.150 PL 114.8

Echo Kink is Node #691369

A digital net follows immediately afterwards. All are welcome to join. We never know when someone from different counties join in, as we have had people from Australia and Belgium.

The monthly VCARC Breakfast is at The Friendship House in Eagle River on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM.

Please RSVP RayBob at: rmh2992@aol.com so that he can make arrangements with the restaurant.

Bob Barnum was the winner of the Bluetooth Ear Buds that was donated. Congratulations Bob!

Motion to adjourn was accepted by all at 7:21PM