VCARC Minutes

August 12, 2026

Zoom Attendees

Bob KC9RF, RayBob KD9DDE, Ray WB9OCO, Tom W9TBZ, Marie KD9VUB

Meeting was called to order by President Bob Barnum. Minutes were read and corrected and treasurers report was read, both were moved, seconded and accepted by all.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance for July:	**$5655.19**
Dues:	**$40.00**
Paid Out to Bob Barnum for AGM Back Up System	**$214.20**
Ending Balance for July:	**$5480.99**

Old Business

The Eagle River repeater has the AGM battery backup system, it is tested and all set to go.

Kirby has emailed Lori, one of the EMS coordinators for Vilas County, and sent her a reminder asking her about which tower might be available.

New Business

Bob talked to John and is still waiting for information from him, for linking the computers and hooking them up with EchoLink.

Open for discussion is the hooking up of EchoLink through the Yaesu repeaters at the Land O'Lakes and the the Eagle River repeater, if the Eagle River repeater has an Ethernet card, as the Land O'Lakes does.

Also, if there was internet at both sites, the DR2X and WiresX is also a possibility. WiresX can give both analog and digital, as Jim Bonson and Tom Bahr both are running WiresX.

Possibly at the Land O'Lakes library, analog would be best to link up multiple repeaters. Bob Barnum also has another computer that could be used there. He will be talking to the Land O'Lakes library to see if they have a spot that is available. Also, we can consider doing the RF linkup, WiFi plugins that are available, should be able to reboot at the library, hooked up to a power supply.

Tech Talk

Kirby is scheduled to do connectors for October's Tech Talk.

Suggestions

Changing from Open Board Meetings to Informational Meetings with the possibility that more members would be more interested.
Also, changing the time of the meetings would possibly help to bring in more attendance. Rhinelander meets are between 10-20 people.

VCARC Monthly Breakfast

The monthly VCARC Breakfast is at The Friendship House, at 9 AM on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Please RSVP RayBob at: rmh2992@aol.com so that he can make arrangements with the restaurant.

Weekly Net

VCARC weekly Net meets every Monday at 7:30 PM, on 145.150 PL 114.8
Echo Link is Node #691369
A Digital Net follows immediately afterwards.
We recently had contact with a fellow from Belgium.
All are welcome to join.

Motion to adjourn was accepted at 6:48 PM