VCARC MINUTES

September 9, 2026

Attendees

Bob KC9RF, RayBob KD9DDE, Ray WB9OCO, Tom W9TBZ, Dennis KC9SKA, Kristan KD9YAT, Marie KD9VUB

Meeting was called to order by President Bob Barnum at 6:00 PM
Minutes and Treasurer's Report were read, moved, seconded and accepted by all.

Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance for August:	**$5480.99**
Dues and Donations:	**$000.00**
Expenses Paid to Bob Barnum for Land O'Lakes Antenna Up Grade:	**$646.40**

Ending Balance for August: $4834.59

Tech Talk

Kirby is scheduled for doing a Tech Talk involving connectors and soldering.

Also, if anyone has ideas for Tech Talk, feel free to bring it up at the meetings, ideas are always welcome.

Old Business

The Land O'Lakes Repeater is up and running, with a 15 foot jumper, the cable was possibly pulled out of the coax, it is now working the way it should.

The Land O'Lakes Repeater could use a VHF repeater amplifier, with a 100% duty cycle that puts out 100-120 watts, to reach further out, along with a power supply. The cost would be around $1100.00. The output after the duplexers is 30-35 watts, so it definitely could use a boost.
RayBob and Tom are looking at an amplifier to fix, for this project.

There is a private tower in Sayner, it is 350-400 feet and there is plenty of space, and it could reach more than 40 miles out . Kirby has been in contact with them. It is owned by the American Tower Corporation. There is more info that is needed, and looking into Grants for this. Bob knows someone that does write Grants, with looking for at least 10 years for that Grant.

New Business

Changing the name to ZOOM Informational Meetings, in place of Open Board Meetings.

Member dues need to be brought up to date and also for renewals.

Announcements

October's meeting will be on Wednesday the 14th, in Eagle River at God's Gathering Place, across from the Derby Race Track. There will be a door prize at this meeting, it is a bluetooth ear buds.

VCARC Facebook Page

If you're on Facebook, check out our club's Facebook page and join, it is: Vilas County Amateur Radio Club.

VCARC Weekly Monday Night 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.
All are welcome to join.
We recently had a fellow from Belgium, we also have had calls from Australia.

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 he can make arrangements with the restaurant.

Motion to adjourn, was accepted by all at 6:50 PM