

VCARC August Board Meeting called to order by Bob KC9RF @ 6:00 PM.

#### Standing Reports

No Secretary's report due to technical issues.

No Treasurer's Report due to vacation.

#### Future Meeting(s) Tech Talks discussed:

All Star repeater systems: Kirby checking with another ham for a Zoom presentation.

Editor's Note: This sounds good for the January 2026 Member meeting which is all Zoom.

#### POTA Presentation

Fox Hunting, maybe a Field Day 2026 demonstration

Powering ham radios

Installing ham radio systems in your vehicle

Antenna project: J pole.

Member input would be welcome

It was decided that Bob KC9RF and Dave N9DBS will have a POTA presentation at the October 8, 2025, Members meeting.

#### Eagle River Repeater Update (Bob KC9RF)

Eagle River Repeater: The Hospital will need to hire a contractor to inspect the issue with the tower beacon causing the interference.

VCARC has tried a variety of chokes and filters to fix the problem without success.

#### New Repeater Location Update (Kirby W8DCD)

Kirby has contacted Vilas County for use of the existing repeater towers.

The goal would be to have a centrally located tower site that could serve all of Vilas County.

One site was Musky Mountain between Boulder Junction and Sayner. The tower is owned by WPS, Vilas County has access.

Another site would be Conover

Either site selected would require professional installers to install the antenna and coax.

Discussed possible funding request to Vilas County EMA.

More updates forthcoming from Vilas County.

#### Other Repeater Discussions:

Mike WB9SLI suggested that there may be a spare 2-meter repeater antenna on the WIN tower in Sayner.

Mike WB9SLI is going to contact the repeater technical lead to check on the repeater and antenna status.

It is unclear if the 2-meter repeater is in operation or if internet connectivity is still functional. Its frequency is and is D Star

Editor's Note: Checking the WIN website, it is also conflicting if the 2-meter repeater is On or Off air. The 70 CM repeater is listed as On air.

Other discussions:

Bob KC9RF suggested a combination POTA/ cookout event next year.

Attendees

Bob KC9RF

Marie KD9VUB

Kirby W8DCD

Ray WB9OCO

Dave N9DBS

Tom W9TBZ

Dennis KC9SKA

Mike WB9SLI

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.