VCARC MINUTES

July 8, 2026

Attendees

Bob KC9RF, Tom W9TBZ, Troy KE9AMI, Mark KC9FND, KC Ross KG9JP, RayBob KD9DDE, Dave Stott N9DBS, Perry Barrette KD9KVI, Scott Hanley WA9STI, Jim Bonson KD9MVD

ZOOM Attendees

Ray KB9CBL, Fred KD9CCE, Ray WB9OCO

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, moved and seconded and accepted by all.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance for June:		**$6280.11**
Insurance Liability:	**$200.00**	
Insurance for Equipment:	**$104.87**	
Ray Protich for AGM Battery:	**$307.04**	
Ray Protich AGM Battery Box:	**$13.01**	
Total Bills & Expenses Paid Out:		**$624.92**
Ending Balance for June:		**$5655.19**

Update

There was work done at the Land O' Lakes tower where the repeater is located. The repeater, antenna and tower section was removed from the Land O'Lakes water tower without authorization, which has caused issues with the repeater not working as it should. SWR was over 6:1, and as a result, the repeater is shut off until this issue can be resolved.

The Eagle River repeater now has an AGM Battery and a backup Power Box, that Ray Protich had bought, that needs to be put in.

Tech Talk

Thank you, Bob Barnum, for the very good, informative presentation for Tech Talk, which included a very good video, on Propagation for HF and why summer can be more challenging on the radio.

Field Day

Field Day had less operators this year. 1125 contacts were made. 15, 20 and 40 meter bands were good. Also, there was a GOTA station this year which was also a success.

Elections

Elections were held, motioned, seconded and accepted by all. No changes were made. The results are:

President	**Bob Barnum, KC9RF**
Vice President	**Kirby Giampa, W8DCD**
Treasurer	**RayBob Heuer, KD9DDE**
Secretary	**Marie Beckholt, KD9VUB**
Board Member	**Ray Protich, WB9OCO**
W9VRC Trustee	**Tom Bahr, W9TBZ**

Announcements

Next in person meet is in October, the open board meets will be on ZOOM. Emails will be sent for dates and times, with the instructions for the ZOOM meets.

Our club now has a Facebook page. It is: Vilas County Amateur Radio Club. Right now, it is public, anyone can join. Check it out and join our Facebook Club. Looking forward to interesting, informative posts, pictures, ideas, anything ham radio, YouTube videos can also be posted. The possibilities for this FB Group, is endless. Thank you Tom for all the work you have put into the Facebook Group.

Bob Barnum is part of Zeus and TCI remote test software group. It deals with the advancement of noise reduction, which looks very promising.

VCARC Monthly Breakfast

The monthly VCARC Breakfast is at The Friendship House in Eagle River, 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.

Motion to adjourn was accepted by all at 6:55 PM