

VCARC MINUTES

December 14, 2024

Attendees

Zoom Attendees

Kyle Ruesch AB9AX, RayBob Heuer KD9DDE, Bob Barnum KC9RF, Joel Marheine KD9RBY, Mike Erstad K9BBN, Dave Stott N9DBS, Tony Campion KC9SZW, Jeff Kitz KD9FYU, Ray Protich WB9OCO, Jeff Hammer N9NIC, Scott Ruesch W9JU, Ray Mark KB9CBL, Dennis Hammer KC9SKA, KC KG9JP, Marie Beckholt KD9VUB

- Meeting was called to order by President Kyle Ruesch AB9AX at 6:00 PM
 - All Rose for the Pledge of Allegiance
 - Introductions were made.
 - Minutes were read, and the Treasurers Report was read.
- Acceptance of Treasurers Report and Minutes was moved, seconded and accepted by all.

Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance for November: \$5977.41

Dues Paid In: \$40.00

Bills Paid Out for P.O. Box: \$72.00

Ending Balance for November: \$5945.41

Old Business

- Looking at APC in battery backup instead of the Lithium Ion for the Eagle River repeater.
 - UBS battery is not working, it is unusable.
- Waiting on the word from the IT Tech, will be contacting him this month.

New Business

Recap of the club's activities this past year and possible activities and helping out for the upcoming year, is as follows:

- **Sayner Bike Ride which could always use some extra help, Jeff Hammer is the club's contact person for this event, it is the first weekend in June.**
 - **Ride for Research is in Wabeno and it is held in June.**
 - **Field Day is the last full weekend in June in Sugar Camp.**
 - **There is the Barrett Covered Run the last part of June.**
 - **There is the Bearskin Run in Minocqua in July.**

- **The Phelps Triathlon is the first weekend in August.**
- **The Big Woods 200 Dual Motorcycle ride is in Wabeno/Laona area at the end of September.**

There will be emails sent to club members a couple of months in advance of these events.

Tech Talk

The Tech Talk that was scheduled, will be done at another time, as it is not a ZOOM friendly, it is a hands-on participation. Due to the potential snow and wind chill temps, all members were to use ZOOM.

Bob Barnum had provided a very interesting and informative video on SWR, it is about 13 minutes long.

The title is: The Truth about SWR Debunking the Myths & Misunderstandings

This video is done by DX Engineering, it is on YouTube.

Announcement

A very grateful thank you goes out to Bob, Kyle, Mike and RayBob for their help in getting the dipole antenna up for Marie, also a very grateful thank you to RayBob and Scott, for the additional equipment!

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