

VCARC Minutes

October 9, 2024

Attendies

Kyle Ruesch AB9AX, Bob Barnum KC9RF, Dave N9DBS, RayBob KD9DDE, Mike K9BBN, Jeffrey Kitz KD9FYU, Joel KD9RBY, Ray KB9CBL, Bill N9WPD K.C. Ross KG9JP, Tony KC9SZW, Dennis Hammer KC9SKA, Marie Beckholt KD9VUB

Zoom Attendies

Scott Ruesch W9JU, Jeff Hammer KC9SKA, Ray Protich WB9OCO

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 also the Treasures Report was read.

Acceptance of Treasures Report and Minutes was moved, seconded and accepted by all.

Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance for September:	\$6252.41
Ending Balance for September:	\$6252.41

Agenda

- Move to God's Gathering Place for meetings.
- Pay Skylar \$300.00 for his work was proposed and accepted to be moved for a motion.
 - The agendas were accepted and motioned by all to proceed with it all.

Old Business

- Move to the church starting in October for meetings.
- Eagle River repeater was working on August 30, thanks to Bob Barnum, Kirby and Skylar Giampa. Thank you for a job well done!
- Aspirus update: Aspirus is being bought out, possibly why no phone or email contacts have been made. Will wait to see what happens and wait until further notice of the buyout, sometime next year, possibly in the spring.

New Business

- It was proposed for someone in town to possibly put up Wires X and set it up in their home.
 - Echo link needs to be moved.
 - Contingency plan for the Repeater is the Eagle River Water Tower, after it is painted.
- Looking at specs for the Land O'Lakes and Eagle River battery backup, for the repeaters in case of any emergencies, if the club would like to do that.
- Have in person winter meetings instead of ZOOM only. ZOOM would continue to be used as present. If there is bad weather, an email would be sent with the instructions for everyone to meet on Zoom instead of any in person meeting.

Topics

- Bring in and show the projects that club members are working on.

Tech Talks

- For next month Kyle will give a presentation on Wires X, which is like Echo Link on steroids.

Notice

On November 2, 2024 at the McMillan Library in Wisconsin Rapids, WI, there is a ARES/RACES Conference from 9:00am - 5:00pm. The cost is \$15.00 for a bag lunch.

Motion to adjourn was passed and accepted by all at 6:47pm.

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November 13, 2024

Paul Clay who was a founder of this club passed away peacefully on Monday, November 11, 2024. The funeral will be on November 21, 2024. Our sincerest condolences go out to his family. A special thank you for starting this club Paul.

Attendees

Kyle Ruesch AB9AX, Bob Barnum KC9RF, RayBob Heuer KD9DDE, Mike Erstad K9BBN, Dave Stott N9DBS, Jeffrey Kitz KDS9FYU, Jim Bonson KD9MVD, Dennis Hammer KC9SKA, Marie Beckholt KD9VUB, Ed Hubbard

Zoom Attendees

Ray Protich WB9OCO, Jeff Hammer N9NIC, Rick WB9RH, Scott Ruesch W9JU, Ray Mark KB9CBL

- Meeting was called to order by 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 October:	\$6252.41
Dues Paid:	\$25.00
Payment to Skylar:	\$300.00
Ending Balance for October:	\$5977.41

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New Business

- New Business Update: Battery backup power from DX Engineering would cost \$139.00

- Backup Li Ion is \$130.00 - \$180.00 which is about \$360.00 per repeater.
 - Possibility of solar panels later on for Ministry and Land O'Lakes.
Need to do more research before making a decision.
- A 1500 watt battery which retails for \$700.00 is being donated by Ed Hubbard. Thank you, Ed!

- **Tech Talk**

Tech talk covered Yaesu WiRES-X.

- Auto mode is set up to run either analog, digital (C4FM), or WiRES-X., it covers 144 MHz (2 meter) and 430MHz (70cm) bands.
 - Eagle River, WI is 145.150 PL 114.8
 - Land O'Lakes, WI is 145.390 PL 114.8
- Land O'Lakes, WI WiRES-X Room is: #80110 Link to Yooper Net 65384
 - Iron River, MI is 145.170
- Yooper Net WiRES-X Net Room name is "Yooper-Net" the Room number is: 65384
 - The Node Room Name is "Yooper-Net"
 - Iron River, MI is: 145.17 PL 107.2
 - Crystal Falls, MI is: 145.23 PL107.2

Announcement

Help is needed for Saturday, November 16 for putting up a dipole antenna for Marie.

It is very much appreciated, and thank you! Email will be sent.

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