

Victoria Amateur Radio Club
August 17th 2023 Meeting Minutes (Rev A1)

The meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Committee Reports

- Treasury has not had any activity and its balance is the same as last month
- Minutes were read. There was not a quorum.
- Brad is working on the Fuch repeater
- WIX bought out alternative websites so still looking for other options for our web page

Old Business

- Reviewed VARC By-Laws concerning meeting quorum. Quorum is defined as One-Third (1/3) of all members or Ten (10) members, whichever is less. Twenty-one paid members requires at least 7 members at the meeting to reach quorum.
- Steve stated the old antennas from DeTar tower are on the ground and are available for pickup.
- Darrell reported the donated tower sections have been moved to his land.
- Darrell said that Goliad Bike Ride is OCT 21st. Details coming soon.
- Jim stated that the trailer has new (two months old) batteries.
- Gary gave overview of the documentation and support plans for VARC repeaters. He thinks we have more adequate backup for emergencies in the Victoria area.
- Make sure you are in compliance with the FCC Radiation Exposure Testing and Reporting.

New Business

- Gary: For past five years, VARC has focused on improving our VHF/UHF communications infrastructure. All VARC repeaters now are housed at secure, weather-hardened locations with emergency power. While we need to continue to maintain and look for incremental improvements in our repeaters, ham radio and our club is not just about repeaters!
- A list Brainstorm Ideas for projects and activities for VARC was started:
 - Hold new regional contests by band, or by county, or by power, or by event, or etc.
 - Set up a remotely operated HF station
 - Create a Digital Mode projects; HF and UHF
 - Provide training for members in the technical and non-technical aspects of the club

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Attendees

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| Carolyn KE5VYG | Gary WT0B |
| Darrell KI5GAP | Steve KE5SDW |
| Ashton K5AKF | Otto WB2RJB |
| Brenson KF5VZ | Dave NV5C |
| Jim AE7JS | |