

Victoria Amateur Radio Club – W5DSC

Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2023 @ 7:00 PM, DeTar North Conference Center Training Room (Rev P3)

1. Officer's Comments and Reports:

President – WT0B: Called Meeting & Net to Order, Greetings, Introductions, and Comments.
Vice President – KF5VZ: Announced regulation RF Exposure regulation effective May 3, 2023.
Secretary – KE5VYG: Determined Quorum. Meeting minutes were submitted; approved by members.
Treasurer – WB5MCT: Treasurer's report was submitted, and then approved by members.
Public Relations – KI5GAP: The VARC Facebook Page needs updating.

2. Awards, Activities and Events

Presentation of ARRL ARES Emergency Coordinator Certificate for Victoria County to Carol (KE5VYG) by John Taylor (KE5HAM), ARRL Area ARES Coordinator.

3. VARC Assets Reports:

- VARC Repeaters: Harvey (WB5MCT)
 - The new antenna is up at DeTar North site for 145.13 repeater and working great!
 - Tone on transmit of the 145.13 repeater needs adjustment and will be done soon.
- Emergency Trailer: Jim (AE7JS) No report.
- VARC Website: Brenson (KF5VZ)
 - New website updates were shown and demonstrated.
 - Looking for a new website host

4. Old Business:

We had our annual Executive Board Meeting and needed annual activities have been completed:

- VARC bank account administration due to officer changes. Completed March 2023 by KF5VZ and WB5MCT.
 - Motion in March VARC meeting minutes listing new VARC Treasure and approving new Treasure to be in charge of the VARC bank account.
 - KF5VZ and WB5MCT completed signing paperwork at bank.
- Updated the ARRL with 2023 VARC Officers and Contact information. Completed April 2023 by WT0B.
- Updated the ARRL with need reports for maintaining VARC to keep ARRL Special Service Club designation. Completed April 2023 by WT0B.
- File as needed to keep VARC 501.c.3 status current. Completed April 2023 by KI5PG.
- We need to keep and store our organization records.

It was moved and seconded to approve reimbursement to Brenson for one year website hosting. We are looking into other possible web sites to provide us with less expensive web services.

5. New Business:

- General discussion was held about new ham and "rusty" ham training to meet recent demand by individuals and organizations such as the Scouts.
- Reminder – Texas Water Safari is coming up June 10-14, we need volunteers!
- Page 64 of the May QST has the same information as the "ARRL RF Exposure" and the "ARRL Exposure and You" Links on the "LINKS" page of our web site; these rules go into effect on May 3, 2023 when the two year exclusion period expired.

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6. Adjournment: Unanimous vote was made to adjourn.

VARC Member Attendees (* denotes a VARC Officer):

WT0B – Gary Garnett *

KF5VZ – Brenson Abbott *

WB5MCT – Harvey Babb *

KE5VYG – Caroyln Young *

KI5GAP – Darrell Klimitchek *

W5YAR – Bill Richter

KE5HAM – John Taylor

K5IDK – Jan Taylor

KG5LCG – Daniel Williams

KF5HHC – John A Johnston

NV5C – Dave Dodge

Unlicensed – Ranier Klugert

VARC Guest Attendees

KI5ZZP – K.B. Hallmark

KG5LCG – Daniel Williams

Unlicensed – Danel Bustos

Unlicensed – Lori Bustos

Unlicensed – Michel DeBoard

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