

Victoria Amateur Radio Club

General Meeting

January 16, 2020

Opening

The regular meeting of the Victoria Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7:08 PM on January 16, 2020 at the Conference Room in the Detar Medical Plaza North by **Brenson Abbott, KF5VZ**.

A sign-in sheet was sent around and attendees were requested to sign (located at end).

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed and read.

Reports

Treasurer's Report-**Steve Kester, KESQZJ**, presented the treasurer's report. Kester reminds everyone that membership fees are due; \$15-per person, \$20-per family.

Net Schedule

The Vice President is responsible for the net schedule for VARC. **Glenn Futch** was not present due family illness. The club elected to volunteer to cover the net control operator responsibilities until the next meeting.

Date	Primary Operator	Backup Operator
January 20	David B. Wearden	Steve Kester
January 27	Jim Shields	
February 3	Harvey Babb	Steve Kester
February 10	Brenson Abbott	
February 17	*Note	

***Note:** We had no volunteers for February 17 and we agreed we would request a control operator for this date on each net.

Events

Bob Whitaker, KI5PG, Public Relations Officer, discussed the known events for the next six months and asked for any other events.

- January 25- Winter Field Day will be held at the Busy Bee from 2 pm (1/25) to 2pm (1/26).
- February 1-Family Expo will be held at Son Valley Ranch. The club provides safety and communications to relay information over the 20+ acre facility. There will be variety of children/family events. All volunteers are requested to sign up by Wednesday before the event so a background check can be done.
- Greater Houston Hamfest will be held in Rosenberg on March 6 & 7.
- Texas Water Safari- June 13. The club again will provide communications for the event.
- Summer Field Day-June 27&28-Discussion about prior field days

The club discussed other events that we were asked to provide communication relay such as Mission Tour De Goliad, Victoria Kiwanis Bike Ride, etc. in prior years. There hasn't been any request for our participation so they will not be included on this year's calendar.

2020 Club Goals and Project Priorities

- **Brenson Abbot, KF5VZ**, opened this discussion with the NARS article posted on the club website and asked club members to review article before next meeting.

- **Steve Kester, KESQZJ**, informed the club that the ID cards will be coming in phases; some are currently ready, and others are still in process. There were forms available for new HAMs
- **Catherine Newell, KI5FOX**, began the discussion on 501(c)3 election, summarizing the three available options for the club (solo incorporation, area wide incorporation, area wide nonprofit association.) Additional discussion by the club. The club elected to raise the funds for VARC to file articles of incorporation and taking the 501(c)3 election.
- **A motion was made by Bob Whitaker, KI5PG**, for members who donated \$50 will have their membership dues waived for the 2020 fiscal year and the \$50 dollars will be restricted to the filing and election until those conditions were met.

The topic of Winter Field Day was revisited. The event will be January 25 at 1900 GMT at the Busy Bee all are welcome. There was a map with directions on the VARC website. We will register as a club and make contacts. Rules are available at winterfieldday.org. This is not an ARRL organized event. **Jim Shields, AE7JS**, requests help to ready the trailer for the event; **Bob Whitaker, KI5PG** responded.

Program of the Month: Harvey Babb, WB5MCT- Adapting Dell Server Power Supplies for Ham Use

Closing

Meeting reconvened at 8:09. Next meeting will be February 20 at 7pm. No additional business to address. Motion to adjourn was heard and seconded at 8:11.

Attendees

Jim Shields	AE7JS	
Brenson Abbott	KF5VZ	President
Steven Kester	KESQZJ	Treasurer
Bob Whitaker	KI5PG	Public Relations Officer
Otto Bluntzer	WB2RJB	
Dave Dodge	NV5C	
Ron Ferguson	KG5KQP	
Rose Ferguson		
David Wearden	K5DO	
Catherine Newell	KI5FOX	Secretary
Mario Garcia	W05O	
Tommy Hargrove	AB5AS	
Harvey Babb	WB5MCT	
Terry Turner	N5HV	
Dorothy Turner	W5DOT	
Bryan Friedrichs	KG5QWF	
John Johnston	KF5HHC	
Ty Meyer	KI5FOU	
Darrell Klimitchek	KI5GAP	