

Victoria Amateur Radio Club

General Meeting

April 16, 2020

Opening

The regular meeting of the Victoria Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7:00 PM on April 16, 2020 via controlled net on the 145.190 repeater frequency by **Brenson Abbott, KF5VZ**.

Reports

Report and minutes were emailed to all paid club members. Both were unanimously approved as distributed.

Old Business

-COVID-19 Update: (Bob Whitaker, KI5PG) No change to City policy so therefore no change to club operations.

-Boy Scout Update: (Gary Garnett, WT0B) No change from prior meeting except that original window for training and testing will not work due to COVID-19

-Club Simplex: (Gary Garnett, WT0B) 146.550 was thoroughly researched and no repeater was found in our area on this frequency. Club adoption stands.

-Radio Cabinets: (Brenson Abbott, KF5VZ) Steve Kester, KE5TER still has the radio cabinets in his garage. Club discussed removing any usable parts and scrapping the cabinets.

-Membership/Net Schedule: (Brenson Abbott, KF5VZ) The club has new members and the net schedule has been updated to include people who wanted to operate as net control operator.

-Banners, Bumper Stickers, and Branding: (Bob Whitaker, KI5PG) Bob discussed the branding of the club and asked if the club would like additional banners and bumper stickers for the club.

-Texas Water Safari: (Harvey Babb, WB5MCT) Harvey updated the club on the Water Safari was moved to September. The prelim race and kids race were cancelled and the route has been changed.

New Business

-Zoom and other interactive meeting options: (Brenson Abbott, KF5VZ) Brenson discussed the potential of using other means of communication such as Zoom or Skype and asked for any input on those or any other options. The consensus was Zoom is a possibility if necessary but that amateur radio is preferred. Harvey Babb, WB5MCT discussed another interactive meeting platform, Jitsi. He invited the group to try out the platform immediately after the meeting.

Closing

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 by **Brenson Abbott, KF5VZ**.

Roll Call

Members		Guest
K5DO	KI5FOX	KG5YCI
KD5PMU	WT0B	KC5MLV
AE7JS	KI5GAP	KI5IBI
KG5AUZ	NV5C	
WB5MCT	KE5TER	
N5HV		
KF5HHC		
KI5PG		