

Victoria Amateur Radio Club

General Meeting

August 20, 2020

Opening

The regular meeting of the Victoria Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7:00 PM on August 20, 2020 via controlled net on the 145.190 repeater frequency by **Brenson Abbott, KF5VZ**. Roll Call was conducted by controlled net and is recorded at the end of this report.

Reports

Quorum affirmed. Report and minutes were approved unanimously.

Club Business

-(**Brenson Abbott, KF5VZ**) Update to 145.130: During testing, timing problems were encountered with controller timing functions. We will continue to test with Monday Night Nets. We will hold off on declaring it is ready for use.

- (**Brenson Abbott, KF5VZ**) Website Updates

- Issues sometimes using varc.us

- Antenna plans on page

- Useful Info: docs, links to ARRL, ham radio and repeater terms, QSL article, Operating Aid, Comm Aid, NATO/Phonetic Alphabet, Conversion Chart, Solar Prop numbers

- New Entry: FCC, sunspots, traffic net

- Bulletin Board changes regularly; Check back often

-(**Bob Whitaker, KI5PG**) Testing session: Sheriff's Office has approved use of the classroom on October 1. Free self-study materials available. Email Bob for more information.

-(**Catherine Newell, KI5FOX**) 501(c)3 update: The filing is process; need mailing address to complete

-(**Gary Garnett, WT0B**) Repeater Update:

- Issues with 145.130: additional repairs and maintenance complete. Repeater is functioning. If using tone to Activate squelch may have to change

- Repeater group is focusing on Citizen Medical Center repeater now

- Interference with 446 resolved

- Antenna on Citizens Medical Center base station; no longer in closet

-(**Harvey Babb, WB5MCT**) Repeater Update continued:

- Replacement for 145.190 "Better ears, more output power"

- 145.130: use it and report any issues

-(**Gary Garnett, WT0B**) Tropical Storm Updates

-(**Brenson Abbott, KF5VZ**) Hurricane Preparedness: Charge radio batteries; check prepared materials for disaster

-(**Bob Whitaker, KI5PG**) VARC should add training materials on webpage & Facebook.

- (**Brenson Abbott, KF5VZ**) VARC should start a committee for Christmas Party and we need a chairperson. Interested persons should contact Bob or Brenson.

- (**Brenson Abbott, KF5VZ**) VARC is looking into using the calendar of events function on website. Bob has list of events to add; submit any others that might be missed.

-(**Bryan Friedrichs, KG5QWF**) It has been discussed about Hospital Preparedness in the event of a disaster and the potential need for a radio operator to run the hospital's radio. More likely to request outside operator given that people in the area would be dealing with the disaster firsthand.

Closing

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 by Brenson Abbott, KF5VZ.

Roll Call

Members		Guest
K5DO	KI5FOX	
KF5VZ	WT0B	
N5HV	KE5TER	
KG5AUZ	W5DOT	
WB5MCT	KC5MLV	
KI5PG	KG5QWF	
NV5C	KD5PMU	
N5SYG	KB5SAF	