

## Victoria Amateur Radio Club

General Meeting  
September 17, 2020

### Opening

The regular meeting of the Victoria Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7:00 PM on September 17, 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.

### Old Business

- (**Catherine Newell, KI5FOX**) 501(c)3 update: The filing is process; need mailing address to complete
- (**Bob Whitaker, KI5PG**) Good response to testing session; education will be through self-study and zoom meetings.
- (**Harvey Babb, WB5MCT**) Repeater Update: 145.190 Mastr 2 Repeater; positive but slow progress. Not ready yet but should be ready by the October meeting.
- (**Brenson Abbott, KF5VZ**) Bootcamp Article from the QST magazine; good idea to support new hams
- (**Bob Whitaker, KI5PG**) in conjunction with W7OB and the Boy Scout group, they are planning a bootcamp to support the new hams as they take to the airwaves. More information to come. Also, welcome “new” returning members.
- (**Brenson Abbott, KF5VZ**) Hurricane Preparedness: Charge radio batteries; check prepared materials for disaster

### New Business

- (**Brenson Abbott, KF5VZ**) Reviewed status of Christmas party; will entertain a motion for party. **Bob Whitaker, KI5PG** motions and **Jim Shields, AE7JS** seconds. **Bob Whitaker, KI5PG** discusses his idea for a mixer with beverages and light refreshments instead of a sit-down dinner at a local restaurant as in previous years. (UNANIMOUS VOTE)  
NEXT ACTION: Create a Christmas Committee
- (**Brenson Abbott, KF5VZ**) Discussed Winter Field Day; looking for a motion on Winter Field and ARRL Field Day. **Jim Shields, AE7JS** motions for Winter Field Day. **Harvey Babb, WB5MCT** seconds. **Bob Whitaker, KI5PG** requested **Brenson Abbott, KF5VZ** refresh everyone’s memory about Winter Field day and its lack of affiliation with ARRL. **Brenson Abbott, KF5VZ** agrees that it is not a sanctioned ARRL event but it is popular in the area. The dates are January 30-31, 2021. **Harvey Babb, WB5MCT** extends the information that is an event throughout the US and Canada. They have a website for more information (winterfieldday.com) Follows the same rules and procedures as ARRL Field day generally. (UNANIMOUS VOTE)

### Open Forum

**Harvey Babb, WB5MCT** request all VEs to come to the testing session on October 1, 2020 as they will likely need all the help they can get.

**Jim Shields, AE7JS** raised a point of order as the secretary, **Catherine Newell, KI5FOX**, vote had not been recorded publicly. This was immediately rectified and two yeses were entered into the tally.

**Bob Whitaker, KI5PG** requested an additional update on Boy Scouts from **Gary Garnett, W7OB**. He explained that he worked to instruct the Boy Scouts in both merit badge and ham radio licensing. They will be a part of the open testing session in October and have a boot camp in mid October.

Terry N5HV, Jim Shields AE7JS both mention wanting a “bootcamp” for slightly more advanced person. All HAMs can benefit from additional education. **Brenson Abbott, KF5VZ**, agreed and hoped that plans that were made for such an idea could come to fruition at the conclusion of COVID-19.

### Closing

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 by Brenson Abbott, KF5VZ.

**Roll Call**

Members		Guest
K5DO	KI5FOX	N5LLS
KF5VZ	WT0B	N5SXT
KG5AUZ	KE5TER	
WB5MCT	KD5PMU	
KI5PG	KB5SAF	
NV5C		