

**Victoria Amateur Radio Club
General Meeting
August 19, 2021**

Opening

The regular meeting of the Victoria Amateur Radio Club (VARC) was called to order at 7:18 PM on August 19, 2021. The meeting was held on-air rather than in-person due to COVID-19 precautions.

After check-in was completed **Brenson, KF5VZ** asked if we had a quorum.

Darrell, KI5GAP affirmed that we did have a quorum with 15 members and 1 guest present.

Brenson, KF5VZ notified attendees that the FCC has released a bulletin regarding the new license fees that will be going into effect in 2022. A link to the notice has been added on the VARC website along with other links to storms and hurricanes.

There were no actual meeting minutes to approve due to the lack of a quorum at the last two in-person monthly meetings.

Bob Whitaker, KI5PG provided the Public Relations report.

Future events are difficult to plan with COVID still hanging around, therefore events and activities are limited to individual assistance rather than larger groups. If anyone has needs let us know.

Bob, KI5PG is looking around for the possibility of any 501-3c grants that might be available for ham related activities that would be beneficial to the club.

We did receive a Motorola GR-500 UHF repeater as a donation.

There is a new page on the website with information about each of our club sponsored repeaters.

Committee reports

Harvey, WB5MCT – Repeater reports

Harvey, WB5MCT and **Bob Whitaker, KI5PG** have been doing a lot of work and testing on the repeater at CMC. The duplexer has been re-installed after extensive testing. The repeater still has some problems and testing will continue. We are currently operating on the backup repeater using the re-installed duplexer.

Work is being done to populate a database that lists all equipment at each repeater location.

New Business

No new business.

Old Business

Erin KI5LKM, reported that Sunday musings are occurring quite regularly, plans are to have a session on FT8 communications with someone from Edna teaching.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:46 PM.

Folks checked in over the air for the August meeting were:

Members

Members, Proxies

Guests

KF5VZ Brenson	KI5PG Bob	KI5LKM Erin	N5SYG Gayla
WB5MCT Harvey	KC5MLV Jay	KI5GAP Darrell	KC5WNH Pat
N5LLS Joe	WB2RJB Otto	KI5LKN Gavin	N5SXT Wanda
WT0B Gary	KG5AUZ Bryan	NV5C Dave	W5YAR Bill