

VARC Meeting Minutes

9/18/2025

The monthly meeting of the Victoria Amateur Radio Club (VARC) was called to order at 7:12 pm on September 18, 2025, by President Brenson (KF5VZ), at Detar Navarro MEDI Center Training room. Ten members were in attendance for a quorum.

The minutes from the August 21, 2025 meeting were presented by Secretary Bryan and approved.

The Treasurer's report gave a balance of \$1,758.46.

Repeater Committee - Gary WT0B reported repeaters are up and running. The Bridgecom repeater has been repaired and is ready for sale. The club's repeater and conference room policies have been updated.

ARES & RACES Committee – Gary reported that there is county-wide coverage up to the county lines with an HT. Jose is still doing more range testing.

Web Oversight Committee – Brenson reported that he has updated our meeting location address to 604 E. San Antonio Street.

Hurricane Outlook – No active systems heading our way but we are still near the peak of the season.

Bryan stated that he is hearing some digital noise on the 19 repeater and others reported hearing it also. It is believed to be coming from out of our area due to favorable propagation weather.

Bob mentioned he found a project to build a coax current meter. The club agreed that this would be a good club activity. It would be useful to look for harmful RF exposure.

New Business – Gary stated that we should all write letters to our congressmen supporting the bill by ARRL to equalize ham radio access with other RF transmission activities.

There was extensive discussion between Jose, Noel, and VARC membership regarding intercommunications between ARES, RACES & HAM operators and how we might interact during disasters.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.