

Victoria Amateur Radio Club
General Meeting
April 21, 2022

Opening

The regular meeting of the Victoria Amateur Radio Club (VARC) was called to order at 7:02 PM on April 21, 2022. The meeting was held in person at the Detar North Training room.

Attendees were as listed below and a quorum was verified.

Gary, WT0B introduced **Royce Starling, KA5JRF** who donated two copies of the QST magazine which were given to individuals who passed their tests earlier this month.

Minutes from the last meeting were presented and approved.

Bob, KI5PG, presented the treasurer's report which was approved.

Bob, KI5PG, reported that the Victoria Kiwanis Club Bike Ride was a success and thanked all members who helped with that.

Gary, WT0B, presented a question to the group to see if there was any interest in having a hurricane preparation drill for the club. There was no response for or against.

Gary, WT0B, reminded us there will not be a meeting in June due to the activities already planned around that time. The Texas Water Safari and the Summer Field Day are both during the month of June.

Harvey, WB5MCT, talked about the Texas Water Safari.

Operators for several checkpoints are needed. Someone is needed for 236, Riverside Park, and Saltwater Barrier. **Carolynn, KE5VYG**, volunteered to help at the 236 checkpoint, and **Brenson, KF5VZ**, volunteered to help at Riverside Park. Someone is still needed at the Saltwater Barrier.

Gary, WT0B, reminded the group of Summer Field Day at the Klimitchek's on June 26th and 27th. **Darrell, KI5GAP**, suggested a practice run prior to registering to improve our readiness for the weekend. Plans will be shared on the Monday Night Net as Field Day approaches.

Voting Items

Gary, WT0B, introduced the voting items and initiated discussion.

Item #1 Expense Re-imburement

Re-imburse **Bob, KI5PG**, for the expense of \$77.25 for the cost of the repeater programming cable needed to change programming on the DMR repeater located at Citizens Hospital.

A motion was made and seconded to re-imburse **Bob, KI5PG**, the \$77.25 expense.

A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Item #2 Detar North Antenna Project

An antenna has been given to VARC and the plan is to install it on Detar North. Detar North has some antenna work of their own planned and VARC is hoping to utilize the tower crew to install the donated antenna and reduce costs. The cost estimate to have that work done is \$300.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the \$300 expense to install an antenna on Detar North.

A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Item #3 Citizens Hospital project

Due to poor antenna performance since the freeze event in February 2021 the club would like to purchase an antenna and have it installed on Citizens Hospital to improve performance of that repeater.

A motion to approve the project of replacing the antenna on Citizens Hospital for a not-to-exceed cost of \$3,000.00, (with the caviot that Items #1 and #2 above were approved) was made and seconded.

After much discussion a vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

Steve Reagan, KE5SDW, has been talking to Glenn Futch's family about the donated DMR radio located at Detar Navarro hospital. The next steps will be to (1) change the call sign to W5DSC, (2) get the frequency changed to a digital frequency that has already been allocated to our club, and (3) have the frequency coordination completed.

Bryan, KG5AUZ, reported that there has been some progress on the Cuero repeater project and it should be completed soon.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Members

Members, Proxies

Guests

KF5VZ Brenson	KI5PG Bob	WT0B Gary	Scott Johnson
WB5MCT Harvey	NV5C Dave	KI5GAP Darrell	Ashton Flowers
W5YAR Bill	AE7JS Jim	KE5VYG Carolyn	
N5SXT Wanda	KG5AUZ Bryan	K5IDK Jan	
N5LLS Joe	KA5JRF Royce	KE5HAM John Taylor	