

**Victoria Amateur Radio Club
General Meeting
September 16, 2021**

Opening

The regular meeting of the Victoria Amateur Radio Club (VARC) was called to order at 7:05 PM on September 16, 2021. The meeting was held on-air rather than in-person due to COVID-19 precautions.

7:05 PM (approx) check-ins started by Brenson KF5VZ, WB5MCT acting as minutes taker.

Check-ins:

KF5VZ

WB5MCT

N5HV

W5DOT

KD5PMU

AE7JS

N5LLS

NV5C

KG5AUZ

KC5MLV

10 members present (? Verify all are members ?) So quorum reached.

Call for minutes (secretary not present)

Call for treasurer's report (treasurer not present)

Old business: Erin (not present) has been running Sunday Musings net with good results.

Committee reports

Harvey, WB5MCT – Repeater reports

Harvey, WB5MCT WB5MCT: All repeaters currently working nominally. The repeater team investigated problems with the 145.190 machine that began with the winter storm of February 13-16, 2021 (According to Wikipedia the costliest Texas winter storm in Texas history with 237 deaths and \$20.4 billion in damages). Extensive tests revealed that the antenna system (antenna and/or feedline) was producing excessive random noise when transmitting at normal power. Experiments with various combinations of equipment and antennas revealed acceptable results when receiving on the top mounted legacy antenna and transmitting on the dual band antenna VARC installed in 2019, and that system is currently in use.

The 145.130, 443.800 and 444.325 repeaters are currently working normally and no work is scheduled for them.

New Business

No new business.

Old Business

Erin KI5LKM, Erin (not present) has been running Sunday Musings net with good results, plans are to have a session on FT8 communications with someone from Edna teaching.

Comments:

KC5MLV: License testing is being performed by Cross Roads Ham Radio Club on Saturday September 18.

KD5PMU: Nowel presented a brief notice of RACES tests.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:21 PM