

**Victoria Amateur Radio Club  
General Meeting  
March 18, 2021**

**Opening**

The regular meeting of the Victoria Amateur Radio Club (VARC) was called to order at 7:00 PM on March 18, 2021 via controlled net on the 145.190 repeater frequency by VARC President **Brenson Abbott, KF5VZ**.

Roll Call was conducted by controlled net and is recorded at the end of this report.

Initially there wasn't enough check-ins to establish a quorum. However later during the meeting there was an additional check-in which did establish a quorum for the meeting.

**President - Brenson, KF5VZ** Began the meeting by mentioning the testing session that was held the previous weekend and the Kiwanis club bike ride coming up the following weekend.

**Brenson, KF5VZ** called for the Treasurer report – **Steve, KE5TER** wasn't available on the call to provide his report.

**Brenson, KF5VZ** called for the public relations report from **Bob, KI5PG**

**Bob, KI5PG** mentioned that he had sent out the treasurer report in his email earlier in the week.

**Activities and events:**

- Kiwanis club is having their bike ride event this Saturday. The club will be using the 443.8 repeater for communications during this event. If anyone needs any information for the SAG stops they can get in touch with him. There are other events around DeLeon Plaza for the kids. **Brenson, KF5VZ** directed us to the VARC website where he has added a link to the Kiwanis club website where a map is available.
- Announced our new VARC member who was in our test session last weekend, **Brandon Mitchell. KI5ORW**.
- Remind everyone to take a look at your license and if you're within 90 days of expiration, he encouraged us to renew before the fee becomes effective.
- He has a few GE radios for sale of anyone is interested.

**Brenson, KF5VZ**, called for a repeater status report from **Harvey, WB5MCT** –

**Harvey, WB5MCT** reported no significant changes since last meeting.

There have been some difficulties with the 145.190 repeater. The ice storm apparently damaged something in the antenna or feedline.

A test uhf repeater has been installed to be tried out this weekend during the bike ride event and the future. The frequency is 444.675MHZ with a 162.2pl. It's a low power repeater only putting out about 7 watts. **Harvey, WB5MCT** would like to hear reports whether or not the attempt at using it was successful or not.

### New Business

**Brenson, KF5VZ**, informed us that the club officers are reviewing the VARC mission statement for updates and to include activities.

### Old Business

**Erin, KI5LKM** – Talked about the book club call on Sunday evening at 6:30 pm and talk about gardening and what everyone is doing with their plants and around the yard.

**Brenson, KF5VZ**, took an unofficial non-binding poll of the group regarding having the next monthly meeting in person. The results were a unanimous 'Yes' to meet in person.

Brenson declared that the next monthly meeting will be at the Detar North conference room. Social distancing and masks will be practiced during the meeting.

**Erin, KI5LKM** – Called in to verify that her and Gavin's membership was received.

**Harvey, WB5MCT** reported that the Texas Water Safari is on for this year. He requested volunteers to man checkpoints along the river. It begins the second Saturday of June and runs through the following Wednesday.

**Dave, NV5C** called in to verify that he was on the membership list.

### Members

### Members, Proxies

### Guests

KF5VZ Brenson	KI5PG Bob		
WB5MCT Harvey	KC5MLV Jay	KI5GAP Darrell	
KD5PMU Noel	KI5LKP John	KI5LKM Erin	
N5LLS Joe	NV5C Dave		