

# Key City Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

*Proposed minutes to be approved at the February 2020 meeting.*

KCARC Secretary Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**

January 13, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 1902 by Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ**.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Randy Robinson, **N5JZH**.

The invocation was given by Jim Richard, **K1UQL**.

The minutes of the November 2019 meeting were read by Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG** and amended from the floor. A motion to approve the minutes as read and amended was made by Henry Kearny, **AE5SL** and seconded by John Smith, **KG7VB**.

*The motion was carried.*

The Treasurer's report was presented by Peg Richard, **KA4UPA** and filed for audit.

Members introduced themselves. There were 21 members and one guest present.

## Old Business

### Donated Items

Some items donated to the club by Elmer Delgado, **W5SLG** will be sold as a fundraiser.

### Christmas Party

The Christmas party was well attended. Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** was disappointed at how few people chose the "steal" option during the ornament exchange. Peg Richard, **KA4UPA** reported that 41 people attended the Christmas party.

## New Business

### Email Received

A message was received from Michael Bresnahan, **KC9ZJF** looking for Jason Brawka, **KG5NMA**. Peg Richard, **KA4UPA** suggested passing it along to Bill Shaw, **KJ5DX**, who had helped him get his amateur radio license.

### Section Manager's Remarks

A recent article in *QST* raised the question of how we find new members and engage current members. Many hams only get a Technician-class license and then do very little with it.

Also, Dale Durham, **W5WI** has not yet received a nomination for "Ham of the Year" from the KCARC.

### Training Courses

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** reported that there had not been a training course this past fall, but we probably now need to do a course for the General-class license. Many Technicians in the area are seeking to upgrade. He expects to give another report at the next meeting.

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** also wants more general technical training for the club members and mentioned that the club often holds breakfasts at the Denny's on Clack Street on Saturday mornings.

## Growing the Club

Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** suggested setting up the KCARC as a “Special Service Club” with the ARRL.

This involves five categories:

- New Ham Development and Training
- Public Relations
- Emergency Communications
- Technological Advancement
- Operations Activities

John Dyer, **AE5B** reported that KCARC had been a Special Service Club but the designation had been allowed to expire. We could fill out the papers — we would qualify — but there is more to being a Special Service Club than paperwork. We need planning and training for techniques. We will need to be able to “look in the mirror” and answer “What have we done as a club to help our community?”

Elmer Delgado, **W5SLG** asked if the club really wants to be a Special Service Club? “To be seen as a club, you have to act like a club.” He had had significant results in another club by simply having regular breakfasts while wearing club shirts. He asked, “Do we really want to do this or just be social?”

John Dyer, **AE5B** mentioned the old Broadband-over-Powerline controversy and remarked that even non-official badges impress officials and that the club would carry more weight if it is a “special” club. He also reminded us that there is “fun stuff” to do too — not just PR and training.

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** would like to organize regular inter-city “eat and greet” meetings and reported that some of the other clubs keep asking when we will have regular fox hunts again.

Lois Doerschuk, **KF5BAB** suggested a bottled water drive to benefit a local volunteer fire department but Karen Saunders, **WL7KS** reminded that we need club t-shirts first.

Further discussion was continued to next month’s meeting.

## Future Presentations

Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** made a list of possible presentation topics and would like to schedule people to present on those topics; please send him email at <um\_circuitrider@yahoo.com> if you would like to schedule a presentation.

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Having no further business, a motion was made by John Smith, **KG7VB** and seconded by Carla Dyer, **K5RLA** to adjourn the meeting.  
*The motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 1953.*