

# Key City Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

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

KCARC Secretary Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**

February 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 1904 by Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ**.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB**.

The invocation was given by Mel Saunders, **AL7PB**.

Members introduced themselves. There were 17 members and 2 guests present.

A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as published was made by Dale Durham, **W5WI** and seconded by Mel Saunders, **AL7PB**.

*The motion was carried.*

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

Peg Richard, **KA4UPA** explained that we she first joined KCARC, we were a Special Service Club and we were very well-known around town. Over time, enthusiasm waned and support dwindled to about five people doing all of the activities. Mike Roche, **KF5ZQB** observed that most of the people at the meeting seem to be in their 70s. He has been involved in many clubs and observed a common problem: most people will not actually help and only about five members or so end up doing all work.

After Mike Roche, **KF5ZQB** suggested that we should ensure that we have the resources to maintain Special Service Club status before seeking it again and Dale Durham, **W5WI** remarked that too many of our activities are run by single-member *ad hoc* committees, the topic was tabled for future discussion.

## Old Business

### Special Service Club

Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** presented a draft application to the ARRL for Special Service Club status for the Key City Amateur Radio Club and proposed the question of seeking to regain this status. It was noted that status as a Special Service Club requires annual renewal.

Mel Saunders, **AL7PB** began the discussion with the question of what benefits this would confer upon the club. It appears that the benefits amount to a fancy banner that says "Special Service Club" and being mentioned in *QST* although the efforts needed to meet the requirements can also be their own rewards.

Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** brought the discussion back to what we could do and mentioned that we currently have a class each year, but we should probably hold classes more often. More importantly, we need to organize an effort for Elmering for new hams.

## New Business

### Christmas Party

Peg Richard, **KA4UPA** reported that Joe Allen's has offered to book our Christmas party a year in advance and asked if we preferred Friday or Monday night. A motion to schedule the Christmas party on our regular Monday meeting night in December in lieu of the regular December meeting was made by Scott Keating, **KG8DSK** and seconded by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB**.

*The motion was carried.*

### SkyWARN

Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** described SkyWARN and announced that the Abilene training session will be on February 29<sup>th</sup> at 0900 in the Hart Auditorium in the Biblical Studies Building at Abilene Christian University.

## Field Day Planning

Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** called for organizing a Field Day planning committee. Club members interested in being on the committee are asked to contact Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** by email at <um\_circuitrider@yahoo.com>.

## Presentations and Elmering

Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** circulated a list of topics and asked for volunteers to give presentations on those topics and also for volunteers to be Elmers for new hams. Any members interested in scheduling a presentation or joining the Elmer committee are asked to send an email to <um\_circuitrider@yahoo.com>.

## W5WI's Speech

Dale Durham, **W5WI** reported that the ARRL has a new magazine intended for new hams titled *On The Air*. ARRL members may elect to receive *On The Air* in print in lieu of *QST* or may receive *QST* but all members have access to *On The Air* as a digital edition.

Dale Durham, **W5WI** clarified that he is both a club member and the West Texas ARRL Section Manager. He admits that there has been confusion between these roles in the past and he will strive to make the separation between these dual roles more clear in the future.

## Presentation

Lois Doerschuk, **KF5BAB** handed out flyers describing how to properly display the flag of the United States of America while John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB** explained the details.

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Having no further business, a motion was made by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB** and seconded by Peg Richard, **KA4UPA** to adjourn the meeting. *The motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 2014.*