

Key City Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

Approved at the February 2021 meeting.

KCARC Secretary Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**

January 11, 2021

Due to concerns related to the ongoing Wuhan novel coronavirus pandemic also known as COVID-19, this meeting was conducted by Internet teleconference.

The meeting was called to order at 1901 by Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ**.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dale Durham, **W5WI**. The invocation was given by Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X**.

Members introduced themselves. There were 8 members and 4 guests on the conference.

**KF5SPQ KE5WHG KB5NLP WT5X
W5WI KA4UPA K1UQI KG8DSK**

A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as published was made by Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** and seconded by Dale Durham, **W5WI**.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Peg Richard, **KA4UPA** as a summary due to illness.

Old Business

Christmas Party

Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** reported that the Christmas party went well, although attendance was dramatically reduced from last year. Peg Richard, **KA4UPA** put numbers to that and reported that attendance was down to 14 from 46 last year.

New Business

Winter Field Day

Dale Durham, **W5WI** reported ongoing efforts to organize a group for Winter Field Day on 31 January.

Membership Dues Reminder for 2021

Peg Richard, **KA4UPA** reported that dues for 2021 should be sent as checks payable to "KCARC" or "Key City Amateur Radio Club" and mailed to:

Peg Richard, KCARC Treasurer
1442 Lakeside Dr
Abilene, TX 79602

This is also a reminder that dues are \$15 for one individual or \$20 for a family all at the same address.

Training Classes

Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** suggested additional training courses, both for General-class and Extra-class license exams and for training additional instructors.

Dale Durham, **W5WI** liked the idea but anticipated difficulty accomplishing it. Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** reported that the pandemic panic has impeded holding classes. Dale Durham, **W5WI** suggested a possibility of holding classes by video conference.

A guest at the meeting raised concerns that video conferences could be inadequate substitutes for in-person instruction. Another guest offered the use of a multi-purpose room at his organization's office complex.

Test Session Results

Dale Durham, **W5WI** reported on the results of a VE test session the previous weekend. 13 individuals took tests, with 11 new Technician-class operators, one of whom additionally passed the General-class exam, and one current Technician who passed the General-class exam for a license upgrade.

Additional Events

Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** suggested additional club events such as group kit-building events. Jim Richard, **K1UQI** agreed in principle but noted the ongoing pandemic panic. Dale Durham, **W5WI** suggested social distancing as a mitigation for disease concerns.

Presentation

Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** gave a presentation about SkyWARN.

Importantly, the official SkyWARN training sessions have been moved to the Internet. More information is available at: <http://weather.gov/sjt/skywarn>

A Weather Spotter Field Guide is available at: http://weather.gov/media/bis/Weather_Spotter_Field_Guide.pdf

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Scott Keating, **KG8DSK** and seconded by Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X**.

With no objection, the motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 1955.