

# Key City Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

*Proposed minutes to be approved at the March 2021 meeting*

KCARC Secretary Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**

February 8, 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 1904 by Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ**.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB**. The invocation was given by Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X**.

Members introduced themselves. There were 15 members and no guests on the conference.

<b>KF5SPQ</b>	<b>KE5OVB</b>	<b>KF5BAB</b>	<b>KE5WHG</b>
<b>WT5X</b>	<b>KG8DSK</b>	<b>KI5NPQ</b>	<b>W5WI</b>
<b>AL7PB</b>	<b>WL7KS</b>	<b>KG5ZRE</b>	<b>K1UQI</b>
<b>KA4UPA</b>	<b>WB5FBJ</b>	<b>K5AVJ</b>	

The minutes of the January meeting were read by Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB** and seconded by Peg Richard, **KA4UPA**.

*The motion was carried.*

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

## Old Business

### 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.

### P.O. Box rent increase

Peg Richard, **KA4UPA** reported that the rent for the club's P.O. Box has increased from \$80 per year to \$106 per year.

## Winter Field Day

Dale Durham, **W5WI** reported that the participants from the Key City Amateur Radio Club worked the contest from home due to unfavorable weather including high winds. Club members made a few hundred contacts.

## Training Classes

Dale Durham, **W5WI** reported that he had found other clubs conducting classes online that we might be able to join. Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** reported ongoing efforts to resolve logistics challenges with running our own classes again. Dale Durham, **W5WI** clarified that in-person classes are preferred.

## New Business

### Test Session Results

Dale Durham, **W5WI** reported results from a VE test session the previous weekend. There were six new Technician-class licensees, two of whom also passed the General-class exam. One person each passed exams for upgrades to General and Extra classes.

### Bike Race

Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** reported information from an earlier meeting with the city parks department. The Steam'N'Wheels bicycle race has been moved from Nelson Park to Sea Bee Park near lake Ft. Phantom.

The current plan calls for a net control station, two rovers, two fixed positions for the short course, six fixed positions for the medium course, and five fixed positions for the long course. Detailed maps will be sent by email.

The race will be on 20 March 2021, starting at 1000. Volunteers should plan to arrive at 0900 to 0915.

A radio checkout to confirm repeater coverage in the area was planned for 1100 on 20 February 2021.

### Announcements

Dale Durham, **W5WI** announced that the weekly section videoconference on Thursday would feature the SkyWARN training session from the Midland weather office. Contact him to be added to the invitation list if you want to attend future sessions.

Dale Durham, **W5WI** further announced that he is running for another term as ARRL WTX Section Manager.

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Having no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dale Durham, **W5WI** and seconded by Peg Richard, **KA4UPA**.

*With no objection, the motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 1943.*