

Key City Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

Approved at the July 2021 meeting

KCARC Secretary Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**

June 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 1903 by Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ**.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Richard, **K1UQI**. The invocation was given by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB**.

Members introduced themselves. There were 18 members and 2 guests present at the meeting.

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| KF5SPQ | KE5WHG | KA4UPA | K1UQI |
| WB5DUQ | KI5OUS | N5JZH | KE5OVB |
| AL7PB | WL7KS | KF5BAB | WA5GIM |
| KD6YLQ | KD5IL | AE5SL | KG8DSK |
| K2WCS | KC9LSO | W5WI | |

The Treasurer's report was skipped.

A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the May meeting and approve them as published was made by Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** and seconded by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB**.

The motion was carried.

Old Business

Field Day

Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** reported on the Field Day Committee meeting at the Boy Scout Troop 201 hut at 1462 Cedar Crest. We will hold our Field Day event there, although it is not large enough to hold our traditional Field Day dinner. Instead, we will hold a dinner at Al's Mesquite Grill on July 3rd at 1900.

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** gave the rest of the Field Day Committee report. We will set up three stations, operating in class 3A. Our section is WTX. We are planning to set up one digital and two phone stations. An additional 6m station is planned; the rules do not count a 6m station in determining operating class. If anyone wants to operate CW, we will be able to reconfigure another station for CW mode.

A discussion of various minor details and recent band conditions followed. Jim Richard, **K1UQI** offered that he expects a bumper Field Day with the end of the COVID-19 pandemic. Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** asked about a GOTA station; the consensus was that we do not have enough members to support operating one. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** lamented that we have been unable to hold training classes.

Setup begins Friday morning before Field Day. A breakfast gathering is planned at 0800 at the Highway 80 Whataburger.

New Business

Presentation for the July meeting

Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** called for a volunteer to present after the July meeting. Dale Durham, **W5WI** asked "What is the club interested in **doing**?"

John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB** lamented that SkyWARN has had little recent activity, but others noted that most of the recent storms have been at night. A brief discussion about SkyWARN followed and Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** reported that the City of Abilene is expected to request local SkyWARN activations on a standby or watch basis for some upcoming major events after a past incident where a surprise hailstorm soaked Art Walk.

Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** mentioned that the club had provided the Abilene Red Cross with several radios some years ago. The radios are still there but their current functional status is unknown. At least one of the antennas have since been removed due to safety hazards from lack of maintenance. Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** is working to arrange checking the radios and generally rebuilding the relationship between the Key City Amateur Radio Club and the Abilene Red Cross.

Upcoming Resignation of Allen Brooks, KF5SPQ

Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** announced that he will be moving to another city to be nearer his family. This will leave a number of positions he currently holds vacant. After his departure, the Taylor County ARES Emergency Coordinator will be Mike Roche, **KF5ZQB**. A new RACES County Liason Officer is still needed.

Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** expects to remain through August. Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** will serve as acting president of the club until the regular nominations. The regular process for filling this vacancy would require electing an interim club president to serve for about one month at the same meeting where regular nominations for the next year's officer slate are made.

New Repeater

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** reported the operation of the temporary 146.760 repeater. The Yaesu repeater model currently in use on a test basis is on special for \$700 with free shipping until the end of June instead of the regular price of about \$2000. A motion that the club purchase one during the sale as a permanent new 146.760 repeater was made by Dale Durham, **W5WI** and seconded by Peg Richard, **KA4UPA**.

After a brief discussion, Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** called for a vote and a show of hands tallied 17 of 18 members present voting in favor.

The motion was carried.

The lone dissenting member commented that he had opposed only on the grounds that he believed the vote had been called too hastily and with insufficient discussion on the matter. He did support the idea of obtaining a new repeater.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** and seconded by Peg Richard, **KA4UPA**.

With no objection, the motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 2010.