

Key City Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

Approved at the August 2021 meeting

KCARC Secretary Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**

July 12, 2021

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mel Saunders, **AL7PB**. The invocation was given by John Smith, **KG7VB**.

Members introduced themselves. There were 28 members and no guests present at the meeting.

W5WI	KG8DSK	KF5RXE	WB5DUQ
KF5RQC	K2WCS	W5WCJ	KI5DHX
KG5QH	KI5OUS	KB5YQQ	WB5VIH
KF5ZQB	KI5QPQ	KD5IL	KD6YLQ
KE5OVB	KF5BAB	K1UQI	KB5NLP
KG7VB	AL7PB	WL7KS	KF5SPQ
WT5X	KE5WHG	KA4UPA	N5JZH

A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June meeting and approve them as published was made by Dale Durham, **W5WI** and seconded by Jim Chandler, **KD5IL**.

The motion was carried.

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

Old Business

Field Day

Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** thanked all involved with Field Day and asked those who had done Field Day at home how it had gone for them. Dale Durham, **W5WI** asked for clarification about submitting logs to be counted with the club's totals. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** indicated that the club is listed as "Key City ARC" in the list of clubs on the submission form.

A discussion followed and Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** summed up Field Day as that the antennas worked well, the radios worked well, but the bands were not cooperating.

Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** asked everyone what had been best about Field Day. John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB** offered that the comradeship was best and others agreed.

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** noted that propagation was unusual and we had many more contacts with New England stations this year.

Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** then asked for ideas for improvements.

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** volunteered to chair the Field Day committee for next year.

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** mentioned that an old ham had turned up out of the woodwork and provided us with a generator for Field Day this year, and asked Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** to give a report on the one-week-later Field Day dinner. The dinner went very well.

New Business

Presentation Committee

Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** suggested assembling an *ad hoc* committee to plan and arrange the presentations for after the meetings. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** suggested that the committee meet at the regular breakfasts at 0800 Saturday mornings at Rosa's Cafe.

During the discussion, five members volunteered for the committee:

- Christopher Smith, **K2WCS**
- Don Williams, **KI5OUS**
- Mekil Hawkins, **KI5QPQ**
- Randy Robinson, **N5JZH**
- Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X**

Miscellaneous Items

Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** mentioned the items Elmer Delgado, **W5SLG** had donated to the club for sale and a Palomar RF amplifier that he brought to give away.

Dale Durham, **W5WI** announced a VE test session at 1300 on the first Saturday of August in the same room as the club meetings at the South Branch of the Abilene Public Library. Dale Durham, **W5WI** also announced a planned Simulated Emergency Test for ARES/RACES in the near future.

Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** proposed a KCARC Friendship Award, a sort of ongoing contest where participants collect letters from the suffixes of the callsigns of other club members. Full details, including the repeaters eligible for use towards the awards, will be on the club Web site.

A motion to approve the proposal was made by Franklin Northrup, **KF5RXE** and seconded by Mel Saunders, **AL7PB**.

The motion was carried.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tammy Harden, **KB5NLP** and seconded by Peg Richard, **KA4UPA**.

With no objection, the motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 2008.