

Key City Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

Approved at the September 2021 meeting

KCARC Secretary Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**

August 9, 2021

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mike Roche, **KF5ZQB**. The invocation was given by John Smith, **KG7VB**.

Members introduced themselves. There were 20 members and no guests present at the meeting.

KD5IL	KD6YLQ	KG7VB	KG8DSK
KE5OVB	KF5BAB	KI5QPQ	KF5ZQB
KG5QH	KB5NLP	WB5DUQ	KI5DHX
KI5OUS	WB5VIH	K2WCS	N5JZH
KF5SPQ	WT5X	KE5WHG	AE5SL

A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the July meeting and approve them as published was made by Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** and was seconded by Jim Chandler, **KD5IL**.

The motion was carried.

The Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting and the Treasurer's report was skipped.

Old Business

Planning Committee

Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** asked if the *ad hoc* planning committee had made any progress. Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** reported that ideas have been considered but no consensus has been reached yet. This prompted a discussion about training classes. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** mentioned that classes tend to work well for the Technician and General class exams but not as well for the Extra class.

KCARC Friendship Award

Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** reported that no log sheets have been turned in yet. The log sheet form is on the

club Web site. There is a \$5 fee for processing the log sheet and issuing the certificate, which will go to the club after covering expenses.

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** suggested awarding the certificates at the annual Christmas Party.

VE Test Session

Test sessions are typically held at 1300 on the first Saturday of the month in the same room as the club meetings at the library.

Steve Roberts, **KG5QH** asked about the new \$35 FCC fee. Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** reported that the additional fee has not yet been implemented because the FCC has yet to determine how to actually collect the fee.

Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** prompted Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** for the results of the previous test session: 2 new Technicians, no candidates for General, and the club's newest Extra: Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**.

New Business

AUXCOM Training

Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** reported that David Andrews, **WB5VIH**, Mike Roche, **KF5ZQB**, and himself had spent the previous Friday, Saturday, and Sunday attending an online AUXCOM course. He heartily recommends the course to anyone interested in ARES and RACES.

Elmering

Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** raised the long-standing issue of organizing a club Elmering program. Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** asked about a sign up sheet

or other coordination. Steve Roberts, **KG5QH** suggested putting the information in the club newsletter. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** suggested a “new ham packet” with information about the ARRL and KCARC. Lois Doerschuk, **KF5BAB** remarked that she remembered that we once had leaflets to hand out, many years ago.

Morse Code Class

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** mentioned that he had been asked about a Morse code class and offered to conduct one. Lois Doerschuk, **KF5BAB** asked about international contacts; several members explained that CW makes heavy use of standardized abbreviations and most contacts are made in English anyway.

Presentation

Jim Chandler, **KD5IL** presented an “arrow shaft” antenna. This is a portable Yagi made with a length of aluminum square tube as the boom and aluminum arrow shafts for the elements. He explained that arrow shafts have 8-32 threaded ends and can be attached using short pieces of allthread, which can be made by cutting the heads off of long screws. He had bought his arrow shafts online, where they were much less expensive than sporting goods stores. Using a tubing cutter to trim the arrow shafts to the required length was suggested.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Steve Roberts, **KG5QH** and seconded by Christopher Smith, **K2WCS**.

With no objection, the motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 1957.