

# Key City Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

*Approved at the October 2021 meeting*

KCARC Secretary Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**

September 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 1905 by Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X**.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Terry Shaffer, **KI5DHX**. The invocation was given by Randy Robinson, **N5JZH**.

Members introduced themselves. There were 19 members and 3 guests present at the meeting.

<b>WT5X</b>	<b>KE5WHG</b>	<b>KE5OVB</b>	<b>KF5BAB</b>
<b>KG5QH</b>	<b>KJ4PMH</b>	<b>KI5DHX</b>	<b>WB5DUQ</b>
<b>N5JZH</b>	<b>KF5ZQB</b>	<b>KF5OUS</b>	<b>KC9LSO</b>
<b>KG7VB</b>	<b>KG8DSK</b>	<b>W5WI</b>	<b>KB5YEQ</b>
<b>WB5VIH</b>	<b>K2WCS</b>	<b>AE5SL</b>	

The minutes of the August meeting were read by Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG** and amended from the floor. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Steve Roberts, **KG5QH** and was seconded by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB**.

*The motion was carried.*

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

## Old Business

### Elmering

Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** asked how many members hold General or Extra class licenses, and revised his question to include Advanced class after John Smith, **KG7VB** noted being left out.

Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** noted that KCARC is one of the larger clubs in the West Texas section, and at least four WTX section managers have been KCARC members. Dale Durham, **W5WI** mentioned the Web site for the section and that one of our members, Mel Saunders, **AL7PB**, is the section technical expert, continuing with a suggestion to arrange mentoring for each new licensee and concluding with a mention

of the ARRL's new magazine for new operators, *On The Air*.

## Morse Code Class

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that the Morse code class had just held its third meeting before the club meeting. The lesson plan is from hamwhisperer.com. Everyone learning Morse eventually reaches a point where it all makes sense at last. Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** gave encouragement that Morse code is an "elephant" and an elephant famously is eaten "one bite at a time." Both noted that **W1AW** has nightly code practice sessions with a schedule published on [arrl.org](http://arrl.org).

## New Business

### Announcement of Club Officer Nominations

Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** gave a reminder to all that nominations for the club officers for 2022 will be held at the October meeting. Persons to be nominated must be present at the October meeting.

### Antenna Party Request

Terry Shaffer, **KI5DHX** asked for help putting up an antenna, but will have some difficulty scheduling around his work schedule. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** asked about the location, which was explained and contact information given.

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** noted that he would be unable to help on the following weekend because he was planning to participate in the Texas QSO Party. Dale Durham, **W5WI** also noted that the "Route 66 on the Air" event was ongoing.

## Possible Mentoring for a Student Club

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** proposed that the club offer to serve as mentors for a high school student amateur radio club. Mekil Hawkins, **KJ4PMH** mentioned that some of his fellow ACU students were interested.

## Extended Introductions

Dale Durham, **W5WI** offered our guests an opportunity to introduce themselves and talk about their interests in amateur radio.

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Having no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** and seconded by John Smith, **KG7VB**.

*With no objection, the motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 1934.*