

Key City Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

Approved at the November 2021 meeting

KCARC Secretary Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**

October 11, 2021

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Randy Robinson, **N5JZH**. The invocation was given by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB**.

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

KF5SPQ	WT5X	KE5WHG	KA4UPA
KB5NLP	WB5FBJ	KG5QH	AE5SL
KF5ZQB	K1UQI	KC9LSO	N5JZH
KG8DSK	KE5OVB	K2WCS	WB5DUQ
KB5YEQ	WB5VIH		

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

The Treasurer's report was presented by Peg Richard, **KA4UPA** and filed for audit. A trivial discrepancy of ten cents excess to the expected balance was absolved on a motion by Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** with a second from David Andrews, **WB5VIH**.

Old Business

VE Test Session

Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** announced that the November test session will be held in the same room as the club meetings at 1300 on the first Saturday of the month.

Morse Code Course

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that the Morse code class had their 7th session just prior to the meeting and is generally going well.

New Business

Nominations for 2022 Club Officers

President

Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** was nominated by Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** with a second by George Toone, **WB5FBJ**. David Andrews, **WB5VIH** was nominated by Mike Roche, **KF5ZQB** with a second by Jim Richard, **K1UQI**. A motion to close nominations was made by Steve Roberts, **KG5QH** with a second by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB**.

Vice-President

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** was nominated by Steve Roberts, **KG5QH** with a second by Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X**. A motion to close nominations was made by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB** with a second by Steve Roberts, **KG5QH**.

Secretary

Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG** was nominated by Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** with a second by Henry Kearny, **AE5SL**. A motion to close nominations was made by Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** with a second by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB**.

Treasurer

Steve Roberts, **KG5QH** asked and Peg Richard, **KA4UPA** declined to continue as Treasurer. Tammy Harden, **KB5NLP** was nominated by Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** with a second by Christopher Smith, **K2WCS**. A motion to close nominations was made by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB** with a second by George Toone, **WB5FBJ**.

Christmas Party

Peg Richard, **KA4UPA** announced that the Christmas Party will be at Joe Allen's Corral Room in lieu of the December meeting as usual. The dinner will be \$16.95 per person for a brisket and sausage buffet. RSVP to Peg before December 9th by calling her at 672-8889. The usual ornament exchange is planned after dinner.

Repeaters

Steve Roberts, **KG5QH** reported that the 443.1 repeater has a new trustee and has been moved to a new tower. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** reported that many local repeaters are being improved.

Possible Ham Fest

Ronald Ashmore, **WB5DUQ** suggested a possibility of organizing a hamfest or swap meet at a VFW hall and explained that the fee to use the hall would be somewhere around \$450 or \$500. This led to a discussion with some reminiscences of the club's previous ham fest events.

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** answered a guest's question about the differences between a tailgate sale and a full hamfest. A hamfest is a convention with both vendors and presentations and usually runs much longer than a simple tailgate sale.

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** explained that holding a ham fest requires a very large amount of work and Peg Richard, **KA4UPA** described events at a past ham fest where she was left to clean up. Both mentioned the high cost of holding events at the Civic Center.

Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** gave his perspective on the matter, reiterating that running a hamfest is a huge amount of work. Many other events have been held that required people to help but help has not always been forthcoming.

Peg Richard, **KA4UPA** added that for the 18 years that the club had a booth at the Fair, she had frequently ended up as the only person at the KCARC booth, despite the great enthusiasm shown at the meetings. Consistently, with an exception one year, everyone else had backed out at the last minute, leaving her to hold down the booth.

No decision was made at the meeting.

Miscellaneous

George Toone, **WB5FBJ** thanked Peg Richard, **KA4UPA** for her 37 years of service to the club. This prompted a round of applause from the floor.

Mike Roche, **KF5ZQB** reported that a "radios in the park" event is planned for October 16 at Nelson Park.

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** offered a guest, James Porth, **W5JAP**, an opportunity to introduce himself and briefly tell his history.

Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** reported that he is moving away from Abilene to be with family in Andrews and expects to be leaving before November.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by George Toone, **WB5FBJ** and seconded by Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X**.

With no objection, the motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 1945.