

Key City Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

Approved at the January 2022 meeting

KCARC Secretary Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**

November 8, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 1904 by Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ**.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB**. The invocation was given by Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X**.

Members introduced themselves. There were 20 members and 2 guests present at the meeting.

K5AVJ	KG7VB	W5WI	KG5NLW
KG8DSK	K2WCS	KF5ZQB	KI5OUS
KB5YEQ	WB5VIH	KF5BAB	KE5OVB
AE5SL	WB5DUQ	KC9LSO	N5JZH
KB5NLP	KF5SPQ	WT5X	KE5WHG

A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the October meeting and approve them as published was made by Dale Durham, **W5WI** and seconded by Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X**.

The Treasurer's report was omitted due to the absence of the treasurer.

Old Business

Election for Club President

Dale Durham, **W5WI**, Lynn Bailey, **K5AVJ**, and John Smith, **KG7VB** were appointed as the counting committee. The committee worked diligently and returned the result during new business.

Morse Code Class

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that the Morse code class is now complete and the four students did very well. He presented certificates of completion to Christopher Smith, **K2WCS**, Henry Kearny, **AE5SL**, Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**, and Sheryl Andrews, **KB5YEQ**.

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** also announced that a new Morse code class is planned for early next year, after the holidays.

Christmas Party

Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** reminded all of the Christmas party. Because deadlines loomed, RSVPs for the party were made at the meeting.

New Business

Information Net

Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** reported that Peg Richard, **KA4UPA** had announced her retirement as Net Control for the weekly information net. He sought to have the club formally adopt the net as a club activity. Others confirmed at the meeting that the weekly net had always been an official activity.

Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** explained that there are online tools to help with net control work. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** clarified that while the club runs the weekly information net, participation in the net is **not** limited to club members. Dale Durham, **W5WI** suggested that everyone take turns as net control. Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** followed up with experience from organizing ARES/RACES nets.

Election Comments

Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG** asked for feedback on the election process and the ballots he had printed. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** commented that the ballots were more complex than had been used in previous years, with previous ballots using handwritten serial numbers and check-boxes to indicate votes.

Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** suggested having the ballots available for pickup at a meeting instead of

mailing them to the members. Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** responded that the club constitution requires that the ballots be mailed.

Election Result

While commenting that our next president may want to plan for updating the club bylaws, the counting committee returned the results and Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** announced that David Andrews, **WB5VIH** had been elected as the club's President for 2022.

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** gave a brief acceptance speech, while Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** reminisced his previous experiences as Vice President, with Dale Durham, **W5WI** noting that Randy had previously served as Vice President when David Andrews, **WB5VIH** had been the club's President, but the latter had been on active duty in the military and had spent about half of that year deployed in England.

Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** was appointed to dispose of the ballots.

Message Handling Training

Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** noted that one of the bonus items on Field Day is sending a radiogram, but that he had never done so and that experience on the matter seems to be generally lacking in his view. Allen Brooks, **KF5SPQ** suggested monitoring the 7.290 traffic net and putting message handling on the future agenda. Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** noted that some members do not have HF capability, and Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** suggested that similar nets could be held on the repeaters.

Dale Durham, **W5WI** reminded all that an ARES training group meets on the first Saturday of every month in the same room as the club meetings and also announced an upcoming exercise.

Miscellaneous

Dale Durham, **W5WI** announced that there is a new ARRL Field Services Manager, and that there will again be a club notices section in *QST*. Send information to <clubs@arrl.org>.

Ronald Ashmore, **WB5DUQ** recounted that he had previously suggested a hamfest and reported that he has since talked to the local VFW post commander

and we are welcome to organize a tailgate sale on their parking lot at no charge to the club.

Dale Durham, **W5WI** noted that Jace Johnson of United Rescue Alliance attended the recent ARES meeting. Dale Durham, **W5WI** is expecting a wish-list of their communications needs and noted that they are offering us the use of some of their facilities for training and Field Day if we want. Dale Durham, **W5WI** also talked about Winter Field Day.

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** reported recent discussions about joint events with San Angelo and Brownwood clubs, and reported a new club forming in Knox City.

Dale Durham, **W5WI** lamented the sparse attendance at the Thursday night section Zoom meetings.

Field Day Planning

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** called for a volunteer to serve as Field Day Safety Officer. Lynn Bailey, **K5AVJ** volunteered and was appointed.

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** also asked for ideas for potential Field Day sites and called for various volunteers to fill ICS roles. Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** volunteered to serve as Public Information Officer.

Dale's Door Prizes

Dale Durham, **W5WI** brought various door prizes which were awarded in a drawing.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tammy Harden, **KB5NLP** and seconded by Christopher Smith, **K2WCS**.

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