

Key City Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

Proposed minutes to be approved at the February 2022 meeting

KCARC Secretary Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**

January 10, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 1903 by Randy Robinson, **N5JZH**.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mel Saunders, **AL7PB**. The invocation was given by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB**.

A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the November meeting and approve them as published was made by Dale Durham, **W5WI** and seconded by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB**.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Tammy Harden, **KB5NLP** and filed for audit.

Members introduced themselves. There were 19 members and one guest present at the meeting.

N5JZH	KB5NLP	KE5WHG	K5AVJ
AL7PB	WL7KS	WA5GIM	K2WCS
KC9LSO	WT5X	KF5BAB	KE5OVB
WX5TX	WB5DUQ	WB5FBJ	N5TEQ
W5WI	KG7VB	KG8DSK	

Old Business

Christmas Party

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** called for a report and Tammy Harden, **KB5NLP** reported that about 14 people participated in the ornament exchange. The party went well. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** continued with questions about the unusually low attendance.

New Business

Bylaw Revisions

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** reported that David Andrews, **WB5VIH** wants to appoint a committee to study revisions to the club bylaws; the item was tabled because David Andrews, **WB5VIH** was not present at the meeting and full details of the plan were not available.

Information Net

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** reported that David Andrews, **WB5VIH** is working to organize a net control rotation for the information net. Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** will serve as interim net control and plans to organize a rotation using online net control aids.

Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** was appointed to be the net control committee for the information net.

Field Day Planning

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** called for ideas for Field Day and suggested writing them down, lest they be forgotten. Morris Chancey, **WA5GIM** reported that ARRL is asking for suggestions for Field Day this year.

National Traffic System

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** reported that David Andrews, **WB5VIH** had planned a presentation about the ARRL National Traffic System but was unable to attend the meeting.

Bike Race

John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB** raised the usual planning for the Steam'N'Wheels bike race. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** reported that we have not heard from the city yet and we usually hear from them in February.

Section Manager's Speech

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** introduced the ARRL WTX setion manager, Dale Durham, **W5WI**.

Dale Durham, **W5WI** announced that the last week-end in January is Winter Field Day. The premise is that emergencies can happen at any time of the year. He also announced that Midland Hamfest will be raffling off an Icom 7610 with tickets at \$20 each, and gave away a soon-to-expire Technician study guide.

A recent revocation of part of the 420MHz band that caused a bit of an uproar was explained: the amateur allocation is secondary in this band and it was needed for telemetry near White Sands, and only in that area. Figures from a recent auction in the 3GHz band and that several countries are now operating radars in the 40m band were also mentioned.

The recent Volunteer Monitor report featured some recurring concerns. There are the usual wanderings of General-class operators into Advanced/Extra-class subbands, but the biggest issue is Technicians using FT8 in General-class sub-bands.

Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** added that the Volunteer Examiner system is a product of past ARRL lobbying efforts.

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** encouraged more use of the amateur bands. Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** suggested raising more visibility of our public service roles.

Dale Durham, **W5WI** ended with an announcement of the regular VE exam schedule: the first Saturday in each month at 1300 in the same room as the club meetings.

Door Prizes

Dale Durham, **W5WI** gave away copies of *Grounding and Bonding for the Radio Amateur*, the *ARRL Operating Manual*, and the *2021 ARRL Handbook*.

Morse Code Course

Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** reported that David Andrews, **WB5VIH** is planning another Morse Code course starting on January 31 at the South branch of the Abilene Public Library.

SkyWARN Training

A reminder was given that SkyWARN training is again scheduled on the last Saturday in February at the usual location at Abilene Christian University.

Eat-and-Greet

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** announced a social gathering on January 29 at 1800 at Golden Corral.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** and seconded by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB**.

With no objection, the motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 1947.