

Key City Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

Proposed minutes to be approved at the March 2022 meeting

KCARC Secretary Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**

February 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 1901 by David Andrews, **WB5VIH**.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by David Andrews, **WB5VIH**. The invocation was given by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB**.

Members introduced themselves. There were 19 members and 6 guests present at the meeting.

Members:

WB5VIH	KE5WHG	KB5NLP	KC5ETW
AL7PB	KB5YEQ	KF5ZQB	WB5DUQ
KE5OVB	WT5X	KJ4PMH	KF5BAB
W5JAP	KG8DSK	W5WI	K2WCS
KC9LSO	WA5GIM	KI5OUS	

Radio Amateur guests:

K5RAW **KI5GOZ**

4 other guests were present

A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the January meeting and approve them as published was made by Dale Durham, **W5WI** and seconded by Christopher Smith, **K2WCS**.

The motion was carried.

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

Old Business

Field Day

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** introduced the topic and announced efforts to find a location. Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG** read some questions for discussion received from Don Horton, **KF5RQC**: *What is the purpose of Field day? Why should I attend? Is the HAM club for just talking on radios?*

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** explained answers to the questions Don Horton asked. Mike Roche, **KF5ZQB** explained rationales for some of the bonuses.

Dale Durham, **W5WI** reported some changes to the rules for the Field Day contest this year:

- maximum power is now 100W
- at-home stations may now combine their scores with a club; this was a temporary rule during the pandemic panic and is now a permanent rule
- bonuses for media efforts require actual coverage

A guest summarized Field Day as a "training field exercise" and David Andrews, **WB5VIH** agreed. Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** explained Field Day as a disaster drill. Dale Durham, **W5WI** added that Field Day is also a means to introduce people to our hobby.

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** explained that Field Day runs from Saturday into Sunday, and we often have a dinner; Dale Durham, **W5WI** commented that HAM means "Have Another Meal".

Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** recounted once receiving and relaying a distress call from Jamaica after a disaster there. Dale Durham, **W5WI** mentioned a recent incident a few years prior, when a hailstorm hit during ArtWalk and cell phone services were overloaded.

Bike Race

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that the "Steam'N'Wheels" bike race is expected to be held in March, but we have still not heard from the city.

Bylaw Revisions

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that he has appointed Steve Cannell, **WD6FIL** to lead a committee to revise the club's Constitution and Bylaws. As the latter was not present at the meeting, the issue was again tabled.

Morse Code Course

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that the Morse code class is going well.

Information Net

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** announced that he wants the weekly club information net to adopt a rotating net control among the club members and called for volunteers.

SkyWARN Training

Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** reported a message from Bill Shaw, **KJ5DX**: SkyWARN training is scheduled for February 26 at Hart Auditorium at ACU.

Eat-and-Greet

Lois Doerschuk, **KF5BAB** reported that about half a dozen people showed up at the eat-and-greet Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** had announced at the previous meeting.

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** added that there is a group that meets for breakfast on Saturday mornings at 0800 at Rosa's on the south side of town.

New Business

Section Manager's Comments

Dale Durham, **W5WI** promoted ARES and RACES. He gave a brief summary of current ARES standard operations using Winlink and mentioned the weekly section Zoom meeting. Anyone interested in the weekly section Zoom meeting should send an email to w5wi@arrl.org asking to be added to the invitation list.

ARES Net

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** announced plans for a weekly ARES net each Tuesday night at 2000 on the 146.760 repeater.

Website

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that the club website (keycityarc.org) still has some old information, including references to our old meeting location.

Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** reported a suggestion to restrict availability of the minutes posted to members, but does not himself support the proposal. Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG** noted that public availability was among the original reasons for posting the minutes. As no supporters of the proposal were present at the meeting, the proposal was dropped.

Dale Durham, **W5WI** mentioned the ARRL West Texas section Website: arrl-wtx.org

Goodwill Ambassador Campaign

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** noted that there are other clubs in the area, that he is planning to attend some of their meetings as a guest, and suggested that other members join him in this effort.

P.O. Box

Tammy Harden, **KB5NLP** reported that the P.O. Box is up for renewal; rent for next year will be \$138. Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** moved to spend the money for one year, with a second from Scott Keating, **KG8DSK**.

The motion was carried.

Hamfest

Ronald Ashmore, **WB5DUQ** reported that the local VFW post would be willing to permit us to use their facility, mainly the parking lot, for a tailgate hamfest event. He suggested asking people for a \$5 donation to the VFW. The major issues to be determined are scheduling a date for the event, and possibly arranging a VE session at the event. Dale Durham, **W5WI** suggested forming a committee to examine the issue. David Andrews, **WB5VIH** recommended tabling the matter for now and forming a committee to report at the next meeting.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mel Saunders, **AL7PB** and seconded by Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X**.

With no objection, the motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 1955.