

# Key City Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

*Proposed minutes to be approved at the April 2022 meeting*

KCARC Secretary Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**

March 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 1900 by David Andrews, **WB5VIH**.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lynn Bailey, **K5AVJ**. The invocation was given by Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X**.

Members introduced themselves. There were 27 members and 9 guests present at the meeting.

Members:

<b>WB5VIH</b>	<b>KE5WHG</b>	<b>KB5NLP</b>	<b>N5JZH</b>
<b>AL7PB</b>	<b>K5AVJ</b>	<b>AE5SL</b>	<b>KD5IL</b>
<b>KD6YLQ</b>	<b>KB5YEQ</b>	<b>KE5OVB</b>	<b>KF5BAB</b>
<b>K2WCS</b>	<b>KC9LSO</b>	<b>KG8DSK</b>	<b>W5WI</b>
<b>KG7VB</b>	<b>KI5OUS</b>	<b>KI5THL</b>	<b>WL7KS</b>
<b>KI5TQG</b>	<b>N5TEQ</b>	<b>WX5TX</b>	<b>WT5X</b>
<b>KF5ZQB</b>	<b>WD6FIL</b>	<b>W5JAP</b>	

Radio Amateur guests:

<b>W5WNI</b>	<b>N5QNL</b>	<b>KC5ETX</b>
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(... and one who could not recall his callsign)

5 other guests were present

A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the February meeting and approve them as published was made by Jim Chandler, **KD5IL** and seconded by Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X**.

*The motion was carried.*

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

## Old Business

### Field Day

Kendall Thomas, **W5WNI** reported that our request to use the Hamby VFD station for Field Day is currently under discussion within the Hamby VFD. David Andrews, **WB5VIH** added that our traditional Field Day meal is tentatively planned. Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** explained the traditional arrangement.

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** remarked that that facility has always worked well for us, since it has both space for the meal and ample room to spread out the stations.

### Bike Race

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** handed out a few draft ICS forms for the "Steam-N-Wheels" bike race and described the course for this year, noting that two of the rest stops are 19 miles apart. Details of our locations for the race were discussed.

The race will start at 1000 but a final meeting is planned at Sea Bee Park at 0800 on the morning of the event, March 26. At a call for volunteers, 16 hands were raised.

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** suggested that we should have someone at each turn, if possible. David Andrews, **WB5VIH** will prepare ICS forms for the event. Several possible alternate repeaters were discussed.

### Bylaw Revisions

Steve Cannell, **WD6FIL** reported on the progress of the Bylaw Revision Committee. The committee had their first meeting the previous Saturday and has adopted a constitution for the committee. He then described some of the differences between bylaws and a constitution. He requested input from the club members and described the committee's work as looking for "the heart of the club." There is an effort to produce a proposal for the next meeting.

### Morse Code Course

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** gave a report on the ongoing Morse code class and announced that there will be no class on March 21.

## Information Net

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** called for more volunteers for net control for the weekly Information Net.

## SkyWARN Training

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported on the recent SkyWARN training session and suggested being more proactive about SkyWARN activations. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** noted that the repeater currently has no controller and therefore cannot announce the weather nets at this time. Kendall Thomas, **W5WNI** reported that SkyWARN activations have been avoided at night recently out of concern that people might go mobile when they should stay at home and spot from shelter.

## Goodwill Ambassador Campaign

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that he attended the San Angelo club's recent Thursday meeting and called for others to also attend other clubs' meetings with him.

## New Business

### Special Service Club

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** suggested that the club pursue the ARRL Special Service Club designation. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** suggested that our current activities may qualify us for this status. Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** asked about proposed educational outreach efforts discussed at previous meetings and David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that he had not yet had the opportunity to pursue those possibilities.

### ARRL Affiliate Commissions

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that the ARRL provides the club a commission on memberships started or renewed through the club. Club members are encouraged to join ARRL or renew their ARRL memberships through the club. Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG** suggested adding details to the club website. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** took an opportunity to recommend the equipment insurance available through the ARRL.

## Midland Hamfest

Lynn Bailey, **K5AVJ** reported that that the Midland Hamfest would be the upcoming Saturday, March 19.

## International Amateur Radio Day

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that April 18 is International Amateur Radio Day. Kendall Thomas, **W5WNI** announced that he will seek permission to set up a public demonstration at the Mall of Abilene. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** suggested setting up in an outdoor location. Questions about scheduling details were asked, and Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** volunteered as PIO for the event.

## Ham Club Online

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported on a website used by the San Angelo amateur radio club. The website offers a variety of useful features for managing club membership and activities and is allegedly available without charge. Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** noted that "Free" is often used as a marketing ploy, with only basic features actually available without a recurring subscription fee.

## Fiberglass Poles Available

John Smith, **KG7VB** announced that he has a stock of 4ft fiberglass poles he previously bought in bulk and is selling some of them inexpensively.

## Section Manager's Speech

Dale Durham, **W5WI** announced the scheduled guest for the section Zoom meeting. Interested persons should send email to <w5wi@arrl.net> or <w5wi@arrl.org> and ask to be added to the weekly invitation list. David Andrews, **WB5VIH** encouraged all to attend the section Zoom meetings.

## Eat-and-Greet

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** suggested another eat-and-greet for the first Saturday in April at 1700. David Andrews, **WB5VIH** suggested holding the event at Potter's Pizza at 3802 Buffalo Gap Road.

## Prayers for Peg

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that Peg Richard, **KA4UPA** has had a relapse and is in the hospital and very ill. He asked the club to pray for her and Jim Richard, **K1UQI** and their family.

## A New Extra

John Bogart, **WX5TX** reported that David Bufkin, **WX5ATX** had just recently passed the test for an upgrade to Extra class.

## VE Test Session

Dale Durham, **W5WI** announced that the next test session will be held on April 2 at 1300 in the same room as the club meetings.

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Having no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Chandler, **KD5IL** and seconded by Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X**.

*With no objection, the motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 2008.*