

# Key City Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

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

KCARC Secretary Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**

April 11, 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 Lynn Bailey, **K5AVJ**.

Members introduced themselves. There were 21 members and 9 guests present at the meeting.

Members:

<b>WB5VIH</b>	<b>KE5WHG</b>	<b>N5JZH</b>	<b>K2WCS</b>
<b>W5JAP</b>	<b>AL7PB</b>	<b>K5FLD</b>	<b>N5TEQ</b>
<b>WB5DUQ</b>	<b>AE5SL</b>	<b>WD6FIL</b>	<b>WA5GIM</b>
<b>KI5OUS</b>	<b>N5QNL</b>	<b>W5WNI</b>	<b>K5AVJ</b>
<b>KG8DSK</b>	<b>KG7VB</b>	<b>KI5TQG</b>	<b>KJ5DX</b>
<b>WX5TX</b>			

Radio Amateur guests:

<b>W5CHS</b>	<b>KD0YLE</b>	<b>KI5GOZ</b>	<b>KB5UFZ</b>
<b>KI5UPX</b>	<b>KI5UPY</b>		

3 other guests were present

A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March meeting and approve them as published was made by Morris Chancey, **WA5GIM** and seconded by Christopher Smith, **K2WCS**.

*The motion was carried.*

The Treasurer was absent due to illness, therefore the Treasurer's report was omitted.

## Old Business

### Field Day

Kendall Thomas, **W5WNI** reported that the Hamby VFD has approved our use of their fire station as the site for Field Day, but advises that they may have to cancel at the last minute if the Texas Forest Service needs to use their station again.

Brent Morris, **N5TEQ** and Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** mentioned the possibility of electrical interference

from power lines in the area. The utility company will fix it eventually if they are aware of it, so we will need to check well in advance and make the relevant complaints if necessary.

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** asked about plans for the Field Day dinner. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** offered a suggestion to appoint a Field Day Food Committee. Druann Thomas, **N5QNL** was appointed to chair that committee.

Field Day is the last full weekend in June, which will be June 25th this year.

### Bike Race

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that the "Steam-N-Wheels" bike race went well: there were no lost riders, no accidents, and no other major problems. David Andrews, **WB5VIH** thanked all of those who volunteered to help with the event.

## Bylaw Revisions

Steve Cannell, **WD6FIL** reported that the committee has finally had a meeting and organized use of the planned online collaboration system. The committee is currently working through the comments from the club members.

### Morse Code Course

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that the second Morse code course has been completed, awarded a few certificates, and discussed plans for a next class.

### Midland Hamfest

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** gave a brief report about the Midland Hamfest.

## Tailgate Sale Planning

Ronald Ashmore, **WB5DUQ** reported that the committee recently toured the grounds of the local VFW and found it suitable for our planned tailgate sale. We are being offered the use of the grounds at no charge, but we will set up a tip jar. Many veterans greatly appreciate the old MARS operations.

A few possible dates were discussed. Henry Kearny, **AE5SL** moved to select June 4th and the motion was carried with a second from Mel Saunders, **AL7PB**.

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** suggested setting up a demonstration station at the event. The tentative planned schedule is for the event to run from 0800 to noon.

## Information Net

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

Tivis Statler, **KI5GOZ** asked about another net using a linked repeater system; Scott Keating, **KG8DSK** recognized what he was asking about and explained a bit about the North Central Texas Connection.

## Goodwill Ambassador Campaign

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** announced that he will be attending the Brownwood ARC meeting and called for others to join him.

## Special Service Club

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported ongoing efforts to pursue the ARRL Special Service Club designation, citing the classes we conduct and SkyWARN.

## ARRL Affiliate Commissions

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reminded all that the club can get a commission on ARRL memberships for club members if the proper forms are used.

## International Amateur Radio Day

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that the plans for an event for International Amateur Radio Day had fallen through.

## Eat-and-Greet

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** reported that about 35 people came to the eat-and-greet at Potter's Pizza and proposed scheduling the next eat-and-greet at 1700 at Cotton Patch Cafe on April 30.

## Ham Club Online

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** recommended the club start using Ham Club Online, but noted that some details are not yet clear.

## New Business

### Tour de Gap

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that Big Brothers/Big Sisters, which organizes the "Tour de Gap" bicycle race near Buffalo Gap, has asked us for help with the the event, similar to what we provide for the Abilene "Steam-N-Wheels" bike race. Our efforts are currently in early planning stages. The event will be on July 23rd.

## Dayton Hamvention

Lynn Bailey, **K5AVJ** reported about the Dayton Hamvention, now at a new location. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** noted that he had believed the event had ended when the building at which it had previously been held was torn down.

## Section Manager's Speech

Dale Durham, **W5WI** was unable to attend due to severe allergies but sent word to David Andrews, **WB5VIH** to mention the ARRL West Texas Section web site at [arrl-wtx.org](http://arrl-wtx.org) and the option to sign up for email bulletins.

## Peg

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that he had contacted Jim Richard, **K1UQI** and inquired about Peg. She is still in the hospital and he asked again for prayers for the Richards family.

## Door Prize

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** gave away two 2022 ARRL “Cats in Shacks” calendars.

## FCC Administrative Fees

Ronald Ashmore, **WB5DUQ** reported the latest news on the FCC administrative fees: license upgrades do not change the expiration date and therefore so not incur the administrative fee. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** reported that the FCC does not seem to be happy with the new fee schedule.

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Having no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mel Saunders, **AL7PB** and seconded by Ronald Ashmore, **WB5DUQ**.

*With no objection, the motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 1954.*