

Key City Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

Approved as amended at the August 2022 meeting

KCARC Secretary Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**

July 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 Ronald Ashmore, **WB5DUQ**.

Members introduced themselves. There were 25 members and 5 guests present at the meeting.

Members:

WB5VIH	KE5WHG	KB5NLP	N5JZH
KI5OUS	KD5IL	WB5DUQ	KC5ETW
N5OGD	W5JAP	W5CHS	K2WCS
KF5BAB	KE5OVB	N5TEQ	AE5SL
WA5GIM	K5ISS	KF5ZQB	W5WNI
N5QNL	KJ5DX	KG8DSK	W5WI
KG7VB			

Radio Amateur guests:

KC5HNH	KG5QH	N0INC	K8RYN
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1 other guest was present

A motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting as published was made by Dale Durham, **W5WI** and seconded by John Smith, **KG7VB**.

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** reported that Field Day went very well and thanked Druann Thomas, **N5QNL** and Kendall Thomas, **W5WNI** for running the food committee.

The discussion turned to other highlights. David Andrews, **WB5VIH** and Jim Richard, **K1UQI** had operated the CW station. Lois Doerschuk, **KF5BAB**

noted that Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG** spent most of the night on a roll on 40m after the 20m band closed. The 6m band had not been open at all. Steve Roberts, **KG5QH** noted that Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** made a DX contact with a German station.

A question about our score in the event was answered that the information had not been collected and submitted yet; that report would be due by the 26th.

Druann Thomas, **N5QNL** reported that a donation of about \$200 was made to the Hamby VFD after costs of the food were deducted from the donations collected for the Field Day dinner and that the Hamby VFD has tentatively approved hosting us for Field Day again next year. David Andrews, **WB5VIH** proposed sending a thank-you letter to the Hamby VFD; there was tacit consensus for doing so.

Bylaw Revisions

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** reported that the revised constitution and bylaws are still under legal review.

Tour de Gap

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** announced that a draft ICS packet for the Tour de Gap event is in progress. The event is planned to use the 443.100 repeater, so every volunteer will need mobile 75cm capability. Over 200 cyclists are expected to participate in the race. David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that Mike Roche, **KF5ZQB**, Henry Kearny, **AE5SL**, and he had surveyed repeater coverage in the areas and found that the 146.760 repeater does not have sufficient coverage for the event.

In response to a question, Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** reported that CTCSS is intermittent, but the 443.100 repeater does require a 88.5Hz tone. David Andrews, **WB5VIH** mentioned that the 146.960 and 146.760 will be used as backup repeaters for the event.

ARRL Grant Applications

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that an application has been submitted (on the day before the deadline) for funding for two programs: an amateur-radio-based STEM program at a local charter school and funding to our expand our licensing classes. Dale Durham, **W5WI** explained that more information about the grant program will be forthcoming in the near future.

Ham Club Online

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported ongoing efforts to set up the club with HamClubOnline.

New Business

Section Manager's Speech

Dale Durham, **W5WI** had four major points:

- Dale Durham, **W5WI** had a form for ARRL members to sign to renominate John Stratton, **N5AUS** for another term as West Gulf Division Director. Some of his recent work was briefly discussed.
- There are ARRL Foundation student grants available, but none have been issued in the West Texas Section.
- Efforts are afoot to organize an informal DX group. The sunspot cycle is on an upswing.
- We have been offered an opportunity to set up a special event station at an old Atlas missile site to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Atlas missile system.

Amateur Radio Licensing Class

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** is seeking to organize a class for Technician and General class licensing. There was general consensus to proceed. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** suggested using another room in the library. Druann Thomas, **N5QNL** noted that the Hamby VFD would allow us to use their station for the classes. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** suggested condensing the class schedule from 8 weeks to 4 weeks.

Christmas Party

Druann Thomas, **N5QNL** suggested scheduling the Christmas Party at Bell's Chicken Dinner House this year. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** noted that scheduling our Christmas Party in place of the December meeting has worked well, but there was uncertainty if the proposed location is open on Mondays.

Information Net

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** called for additional volunteers for net control for the KCARC Thursday Night Information Net.

DMR hotspots

Gerald Dugan, **N5OGD** has set up a DMR hotspot in the area.

Eat-and-Greet

Thomas McCain, **KC5ETW** asked about an eat-and-greet for July. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** explained that Field Day was the June eat-and-greet and he will be out of town at the end of July. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** suggested July 30th, but not a location. Discussion quickly reached a consensus.

Repeaters

Lonnie Sutton, **N0INC** asked about the repeaters in the area. David Andrews, **WB5VIH** explained the club's main repeaters 146.760 PL146.2 and 146.960, and some related UHF repeaters. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** mentioned 444.900 PL114.8 in Albany, which is on the North Central Texas Connection.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Chandler, **KD5IL** and seconded by Steve Roberts, **KG5QH**.

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