

Key City Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

Approved at the September 2022 meeting

KCARC Secretary Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**

August 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 1902 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 31 members and 8 guests present at the meeting.

Members:

WB5VIH	KE5WHG	KB5NLP	N5JZH
KF5ZQB	KI5OUS	KF5RQC	KC5AQF
K5AVJ	W5JAP	KD5IL	AE5SL
WX5TX	N5TEQ	WL7KS	KF5BAB
KE5OVB	W5WNI	N5QNL	KC5ETW
KC5HNNH	W8KJB	W6KJB	KG8DSK
W5WI	KG7VB	N6KJB	N8KJB
N4KJB	AD5KH	KJ5DX	

Radio Amateur guests:

KI5WIG **KB6YLQ** **WB6YFW**

2 new amateurs waiting for callsigns

3 other guests were present

A motion to approve the minutes of the July meeting as published was made by Dale Durham, **W5WI** and seconded by Jim Chandler, **KD5IL**.

The motion was carried.

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

Old Business

Field Day

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** reported that our score in the contest came to 2,308.

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that the planned thank-you letter on behalf of the club was indeed sent to the Hamby VFD.

Bylaw Revisions

The Bylaw Revisions committee had nothing to report; the revised constitution and bylaws are still under outside review.

Tour de Gap

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that the event went well, with plenty of volunteers turning out. The 443.100 repeater had excellent coverage for the event. There were no injuries and all cyclists finished the course. Big Brothers Big Sisters has asked for us to help again next year.

ARRL Grant Application

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that our grant application has not yet received a response from ARRL.

Dale Durham, **W5WI** reported that the grants are expected to be decided soon.

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that his proposal to offer an amateur-radio-based elective at a local charter high school has been approved and the course will start in 2 weeks; he guesses that this makes him the instructor and expects that the students will be ready to test in 12 weeks.

KCARC License Class

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** and Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** are also organizing the club's regular course for new Technician class operators. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** will run the KCARC class and is working to condense the lesson plan into a shorter time frame.

Christmas Party

Druann Thomas, **N5QNL** suggested the possibility of using Bell's Chicken Dinner House but found that they are reluctant to accept a reservation on the grounds that they are not certain that they will have sufficient staff. She suggested, as an alternative, a potluck meal at the Hamby VFD like we organize for Field Day. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** reported that the club had historically done this type of potluck for the Christmas Party and explained the reasoning for the change to using a restaurant.

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** suggested making a firm decision at the next meeting.

New Business

Section Manager's Speech

Dale Durham, **W5WI** reported that the applications for grants should be processed soon. There were 128 applications totaling \$1.3 million for \$500,000 in available grant funds.

The ARRL has some internal discussions ongoing about the need to more widely promote their efforts in protecting amateur radio spectrum allocations.

Dale Durham, **W5WI** also reported the results of a recent VE session: two new operators at the meeting, one additional Technician class operator, and Steve Hope passed the test to upgrade to Extra.

Dale Durham, **W5WI** then awarded some door prizes.

Information Net

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** called for more volunteers to run the weekly information net, explaining that the net is usually fairly short, about 20 - 30 minutes. Jim Chandler, **KD5IL** expressed a willingness to run the net—when he remembers to do it—and asked if the members had a preference for check-in procedure.

Eat-and-Greet

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** proposed August 27th as the next eat-and-greet. Discussion about the location eventually settled on Buffet Asia.

Ham Club Online

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** still likes HamClubOnline, thinks that the club should use it, and gave a brief demonstration of some of its features. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** noted that “free” typically has a catch.

DX

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** raised the issue and asked how many in the club are interested in DX contacts. There is currently a text message group with a few members to share news of current DX openings. Dale Durham, **W5WI** suggested setting up a packet BBS. David Andrews, **WB5VIH** gave a brief demonstration using the dxsummit.fi site.

Dale Durham, **W5WI** suggested a meeting for an overview of modern DX. Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG** suggested that this could be a good topic for an after-meeting presentation.

John Bogart, **WX5TX** noted problems confirming mobile DX contacts related to a lack of accurate log timestamps while driving down the road.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dale Durham, **W5WI** and seconded by Lynn Bailey, **K5AVJ**.

With no objection, the motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 1959.