

Key City Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

Approved at the October 2022 meeting

KCARC Secretary Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**

September 12, 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 Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X**.

Members introduced themselves. There were 27 members and no guests present at the meeting.

WB5VIH	KE5WHG	KB5NLP	N5JZH
WT5X	WB5DUQ	N5TEQ	KF5BAB
KE5OVB	AE5SL	WD6FIL	AL7PB
WL7KS	K8RYN	N0INC	WB5YFW
KI5WOB	KI5OUS	KF5ZQB	K5ISS
W5CHS	K2WCS	KI5WXY	WA5GIM
AD5KH	KG8DSK	KG7VB	

A motion to approve the minutes of the July meeting as published was made by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB** and seconded by Henry Kearny, **AE5SL**.

The motion was carried.

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

An odd expenditure was reported because a club member wrote a check to the club for ARRL dues; the club accepted the check and passed the money along. This is not the proper procedure. To pay ARRL dues through the club, such that the club will receive a commission on your ARRL membership, write the check to the ARRL and give it to the club Treasurer, who will send your check to the ARRL along with the proper paperwork. The ARRL will later issue a check to the club.

Old Business

Thank-You Letters

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that the Hamby VFD sent a response to our thank-you letter, thanking us for the donation after the Field Day dinner. He also reported a thank-you letter for the memorial donation to City Light Ministries in the memory of Jewell Harden, **KB5GSP**.

Bylaw Revisions

Steve Cannell, **WD6FIL** reported the Bylaw Revision committee's result. The committee was Steve Cannell, **WD6FIL**, Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X**, Steve Cannell, **WD6FIL**, and Steven Hope, **KI5JUF**. An effort by the Secretary to return the proposed new text to the committee for proofreading was overruled by the President and the report accepted.

A question about the motivation for the revisions was answered that the current text is very old, with parts dating back to the 1960s.

ARRL Grant Application

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that the grant proposal we sent to organize an elective in amateur radio was approved, the local charter school mentioned in previous descriptions of these efforts is actually a homeschooling co-op, and there had been two sessions of that class by the time of the club meeting. Further, the grant had actually been awarded from a different fund, as we had not made the cut for the funds originally requested.

Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** asked about other ARRL grants that might be available to support these efforts.

KCARC License Class

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** reported that a room in the library has been reserved for a Technician class to start September 24 and run through October 29. Each class will run from about 1 to 5 in the afternoon.

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** noted that the grant from the ARRL Foundation included a large supply of study guides.

Christmas Party

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** proposed organizing a potluck dinner at the Hamby VFD station instead of an event at a restaurant. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** suggested scheduling the event on a weekend. Lois Doerschuk, **KF5BAB** suggested a sign-up sheet to bring sides. Tammy Harden, **KB5NLP** reminded all of the regular ornament exchange.

HamClubOnline

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that the costs of HamClubOnline are funded through a donation box.

Information Net

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** called for more volunteers for net control on the Thursday night net.

New Business

New ARRL Grant Committee

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** called for volunteers for a committee to develop a grant proposal for the next round. Proposals are due by November 7. He went on to explain the criteria for a grant in this program: some kind of project that benefits not only the club, but also the community as a whole. He also noted that there had been only 127 proposals submitted on the previous grant application cycle; our proposal that was ultimately funded from a different source had been one of them.

Eat-and-Greet

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** suggested gathering at 1800 on September 24 and noted that we usually just pick a restaurant, eschew reservations, and surprise them. After further discussions, Don Luis Cafe was chosen and the event planned for 1800 on September 24.

Show and Tell

Derek Rodgers, **K5ISS** exhibited his new homebrew 40m CW transceiver. The entire unit fits into a “spam” can. Mel Saunders, **AL7PB** noted other projects using similar cans as enclosures and one Japanese ham who makes antennas using beer cans. Morris Chancey, **WA5GIM** noted the “best by” date on the can used, to much mirth.

Derek Rodgers, **K5ISS** suggested making a regular show-and-tell segment, and Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** remarked that he has several projects that he would like to exhibit, but that are not yet ready.

Old QST Issues

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** had a stack of old *QST* magazine issues to give away.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** and seconded by Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X**.

With no objection, the motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 1956.