

Key City Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

Approved as amended at the November 2022 meeting

KCARC Secretary Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**

October 10, 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 Randy Robinson, **N5JZH**.

Members introduced themselves. There were 37 members and 5 guests present at the meeting.

Members:

WB5VIH	KE5WHG	KB5NLP	N5JZH
KB5YEQ	KI5VCO	WB5DUQ	WT5X
WD6FIL	AE5SL	W5JAP	KI5OUS
KC5ETW	KI5THL	KF5BAB	KE5OVB
AL7PB	WL7KS	N5TEQ	WX5TX
KJ5DX	W5WNI	WB5YFW	KI5WOB
K5ISS	KF5ZQB	AD5KH	W5CHS
K2WCS	KI5WXY	KG7VB	N7UXJ
W5WI	KG8DSK	KI5DHX	KI5GOZ
KE5VBK			

Radio Amateur guest:

K5IRF

4 other guests were present

A motion to approve the minutes of the September meeting as published was made by Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** 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

Proposal to Amend the Constitution of the Key City Amateur Radio Club

The proposal to amend the Constitution of the Key City Amateur Radio Club according to the report of the Bylaw Revision committee failed.

Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**, as KCARC Secretary, reported that as of the start of the meeting, there were 82 members on the roll. Passing an amendment to the club's Constitution requires the support of two-thirds of the total membership voting at a meeting where the vote has been announced in advance; this threshold was therefore 55 votes in favor but there were only 37 members present at the meeting. The schedule for a vote on such a proposal is rigid and the vote had been duly announced, so it was required to be taken at the meeting.

Since the outcome had been predetermined by a lack of sufficient turnout, a voice vote was moved by Mel Saunders, **AL7PB** and seconded by Christopher Smith, **K2WCS**. The vote was split and President David Andrews, **WB5VIH** called for a second vote by show-of-hands, at which were counted 21 votes in favor and 10 opposed, leaving 6 abstentions.

Afterwards, Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** moved to reconsider but was ruled out of order.

Christmas Party

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** announced that the Christmas party will be at 1800 on December 3rd at the Hamby VFD station at 4408 Highway 351. The date has been changed due to a scheduling conflict.

Tammy Harden, **KB5NLP** announced a sign-up sheet for bringing side dishes to the Christmas Party. David Andrews, **WB5VIH** explained our usual

Christmas Party gift exchange. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** noted that fire truck tree ornaments are very popular, as are amateur-radio-related items.

License Study Courses

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** is teaching 13 students in a course for a local homeschooling co-op and Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** is teaching 15 students in a course at the library. A General-class licensing study course is planned for early next year.

New Grant Committee

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that there had been no volunteers for the new grant committee. He wants a grant proposal for a communications trailer and will try writing one.

New Business

Club Officer Nominations for 2023

President

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** was nominated by Dale Durham, **W5WI** with a second by Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X**. A motion that nominations cease was made by John Bogart, **WX5TX** with a second by Henry Kearny, **AE5SL**.

Vice President

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** was nominated by Dale Durham, **W5WI** with a second by John Bogart, **WX5TX**. A motion that nominations cease was made by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB** with a second by Kendall Thomas, **W5WNI**.

Secretary

Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** was nominated by Steve Cannell, **WD6FIL** with a second by Bill Shaw, **KJ5DX**. Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG** was nominated by Henry Kearny, **AE5SL** with a second by Derek Rodgers, **K5ISS**. A motion that nominations cease was made by Henry Kearny, **AE5SL** with a second by Steve Cannell, **WD6FIL**.

Treasurer

Tammy Harden, **KB5NLP** was nominated by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB** with a second by Randy Robinson, **N5JZH**. A motion that nominations cease was made by Dale Durham, **W5WI** with a second by Kendall Thomas, **W5WNI**.

A motion to close nominations was made by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB** with a second by Mel Saunders, **AL7PB**.

As per the bylaws, since there were multiple nominees for Secretary, an election will be held, for which ballots would be printed and mailed to the members, to be received by mail or returned in person at the November meeting.

HamClubOnline

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** reported that he had been asked if club dues could be paid using an online payment service and asked if HamClubOnline can handle payments of membership dues. Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** asked who would be responsible for setting up such a feature. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** noted that he does not see a compelling advantage to using the site.

Some confusion led to Tammy Harden, **KB5NLP** explaining the process for the club receiving commissions on ARRL membership dues which are distinct from club membership dues.

Hurricane Ian

Brent Morris, **N5TEQ** was involved in cleaning up the mess Hurricane Ian made in Florida and explained that his employer, Oncor Electric, had sent him as part of the rebuilding effort. He explained some of the work he did to help restore electricity in the Tampa area. He reported that the many hurricane nets in the area were interesting and remarked how many people are fascinated by HF radio, even aspects as simple as WWV. A news story was mentioned about an amateur radio operator who coordinated several rescues.

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** gave a brief pitch for ARES and RACES. Brent Morris, **N5TEQ** added that he met other people from Abilene while in

Florida. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** added that he believes we are probably the only amateur radio club with two members or former members that that work for utility companies tracking down HF interference from power lines.

Jamboree On-the-Air

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** announced that Jamboree-on-the-Air would be the following Saturday and he was planning to set up a station at the Boy Scout hut at ACU. He called for help setting up on Friday and covering operation on Saturday, since he will need to leave to attend the club's licensing course that he will be teaching in the afternoon.

Section Manager's Speech

Dale Durham, **W5WI** reported attending a recent West Central Texas Emergency Conference, noted that October is Emergency Preparedness Month, and pitched a USGS program called "Did You Feel It?" promoting awareness of earthquakes. There are also ongoing ARRL club grant programs he noted and he encouraged the club to make an effort to develop and submit grant proposals.

Miscellaneous

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported the receipt of a thank-you card for our donation in memory of Jewell Harden, **KB5GSP**.

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** reported that Don Horton, **KF5RQC** lost his wife in a recent automobile accident.

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that current band conditions have been very interesting. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** reported receipt of a QSL card for Field Day.

Derek Rodgers, **K5ISS** suggested organizing another tailgate sale for the first weekend in November, but others noted that one month might be inadequate notice to schedule an event.

Tivis Statler, **K15GOZ** asked about a hamfest, and after some discussion Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** and others recognized the event as the Parker County Hamfest. David Andrews, **WB5VIH** commented on the Belton hamfest.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** and seconded by Ronald Ashmore, **WB5DUQ**.
With no objection, the motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 2001.