

Key City Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

Proposed minutes to be approved at the January 2023 meeting

KCARC Secretary Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**

November 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 1905 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 27 members and 2 guests present at the meeting.

Members:

WB5VIH	KE5WHG	KB5NLP	N5JZH
N5TEQ	WX5TX	WB5DUQ	WB5YFW
KC5JJQ	A15IY	KI5OUS	KC5ETW
KI5QEU	KF5BAB	KE5OVB	K2WCS
W5CHS	AE5SL	KF5ZQB	K5ISS
KI5YSI	N5QNL	W5WNI	K5AVJ
KG8DSK	KG7VB	KJ5DX	

Radio Amateur guests:

KI5YTA **KJ6HXQ**

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting as published and amended according to proposals from Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** and Lois Doerschuk, **KF5BAB** was made by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB** and seconded by Christopher Smith, **K2WCS**.

The motion was carried.

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** reported that the recent licensing course was very successful, with all but one of the students subsequently passing the exam.

Old Business

Election for Secretary

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** called for volunteers and Lynn Bailey, **K5AVJ**, Scott Keating, **KG8DSK**, and

John Smith, **KG7VB** were appointed as the counting committee.

Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG** was elected as KCARC Secretary for 2023 by 30-16.

Christmas Party

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reminded all that the KCARC Christmas Party is scheduled for December 3rd and that the dinner will be brisket and sausage. Druann Thomas, **N5QNL** explained the rest of the planning for a potluck dinner, and the outline for the regular ornament exchange.

Bill Shaw, **KJ5DX** passed around a RSVP sheet for the Christmas Party.

License Study Course

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported on the license study course, which was a great success, and thanked the people involved, noting that we had also had a grant from the ARRL Foundation that had helped to provide materials for the course.

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that the course he had been running at a local home-school coop had also wrapped up, with a test session organized for the following Thursday.

New Grant Proposal

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** announced that the plans for a grant proposal for a communications trailer were abandoned due a lack of interest from the club.

HamClubOnline

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** noted that he had been marking scheduled events on HamClubOnline.

Jamboree On-The-Air

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** reported that he had set up a station at the scout hut for Jamboree On-The-Air, but the band did not open until the afternoon. Nonetheless, they made several contacts and a good time was had by all.

New Business

SkyWARN

Bill Shaw, **KJ5DX** asked all to listen to the repeater before transmitting instead of just talking into the middle of what is supposed to be a directed net, as recently occurred. The local SkyWARN net always uses **K5ABI** as the callsign for net control.

Bill Shaw, **KJ5DX** also reported that the SkyWARN Appreciation Day will be December 2nd this year.

Election Result

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** announced the results of the election. Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG** briefly thanked the club members for their support.

Activities for Next Year

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** suggested setting up a demonstration in Minter Park during ArtWalk. Lois Doerschuk, **KF5BAB** noted the fees the city now charges to use a park as a group. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** noted that those charges are to reserve a pavilion. David Andrews, **WB5VIH** indicated that he will look into the matter.

Generally, many options for public demonstrations exist; David Andrews, **WB5VIH** suggested that we do more of these as a club, starting with Winter Field Day this year.

Eat-and-Greet

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** noted that a December Eat-and-Greet would probably have many schedule conflicts, but suggested a November event. After a discussion considering several possible venues, the consensus eventually settled on Rockin' Rollers at 1700 on Saturday, November 19th.

Miscellaneous

Ronald Ashmore, **WB5DUQ** reported an interaction with Steven Smith, **KG5VK**, the ARRL NTX section manager, who congratulated us on receiving a grant from the ARRL Foundation.

Chris Goodnough, **A15IY** asked about some form of organized operator training. Lois Doerschuk, **KF5BAB** noted that this request resembles previous proposals for organized Elmering. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** noted difficulty in finding locations to set up such events and reported early plans for a General-class license course. David Andrews, **WB5VIH** also announced plans for another Morse code course.

Henry Kearny, **AE5SL** asked why we will no longer be helping with bike races. David Andrews, **WB5VIH** explained that he was mistaken: we will still help with the Buffalo Gap event but will no longer assist with City of Abilene events after we were surprised with a requirement for liability waivers.

Louis Janis, **WB5YFW** asked about resuming the after-meeting technical presentations. This idea was well-received as usual but there have been no recent presentations because no one had chosen a topic and made a presentation about it.

Don Williams, **K15OUS** asked about payment of dues. A brief discussion followed, with a reminder about an important distinction between dues to KCARC and dues to ARRL. Because KCARC is a club affiliated with the ARRL, we can get a small commission if ARRL dues are paid through the club. Paying ARRL dues through the club requires writing a check *to the ARRL* for ARRL dues and giving that check to the KCARC Treasurer, who will fill out the associated paperwork and forward it with the check to the ARRL.

Derek Rodgers, **K5ISS** suggested a foxhunt sometime next year.

Druann Thomas, **N5QNL** suggested holding another tailgate sale.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Druann Thomas, **N5QNL** and seconded by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB**.

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