

# Key City Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

*Minutes approved at the March 2023 meeting*

KCARC Secretary Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**

February 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 1900 by David Andrews, **WB5VIH**.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by David Andrews, **WB5VIH**. The invocation was given by Elmer Delgado, **W5SLG**.

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported the recent passing of Henry Kearny, **AE5SL** (September 16, 1949 – February 8, 2023) and read his obituary.

Members introduced themselves. There were 33 members and 1 guest present at the meeting.

Members:

<b>WB5VIH</b>	<b>KE5WHG</b>	<b>KB5NLP</b>	<b>N5JZH</b>
<b>KC5AQF</b>	<b>WB5DUQ</b>	<b>KI5OUS</b>	<b>KC5ETW</b>
<b>N5TEQ</b>	<b>KI5ZQL</b>	<b>WT5X</b>	<b>AF5FJ</b>
<b>WD6FIL</b>	<b>KG5QH</b>	<b>W5SLG</b>	<b>N5QNL</b>
<b>W5WNI</b>	<b>KE5LGG</b>	<b>KF5ZQB</b>	<b>KI5DHX</b>
<b>KE5OVB</b>	<b>KF5BAB</b>	<b>W5CHS</b>	<b>K2WCS</b>
<b>KC5HMH</b>	<b>K5AVJ</b>	<b>KG8DSK</b>	<b>KI5GOZ</b>
<b>KI5YSI</b>	<b>WS5EAB</b>	<b>WB5YFW</b>	<b>KC5JJQ</b>
<b>KJ5DX</b>			

1 other guest was present

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting as published was made by Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** and seconded by Steve Roberts, **KG5QH**.

*The motion was carried.*

## Old Business

### Fox Hunt

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** announced that early planning continues, but no date has been set.

### SkyWARN

Druann Thomas, **N5QNL** announced that the annual SkyWARN training session will be at 0900 on the 25th of February at Hart Auditorium in the Bible Building on the ACU campus and is expected to run until noon or so. There will be a group gathering for breakfast at 0730 at the nearby McDonalds.

### Morse Code Class

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that the Morse code class had recently had its second session and is going well, with about 8 students.

Tivis Statler, **KI5GOZ** asked about current uses of Morse code. David Andrews, **WB5VIH** explained that he uses it to chase DX. Lynn Bailey, **K5AVJ** mentioned the "Straight Key Century Club" and their efforts to encourage use of CW. Steve Roberts, **KG5QH** mentioned that more DX stations can be found working CW than other modes. Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** reported his past experience receiving a distress call after a hurricane had hit Jamaica and done immense damage there. The other operator was using a car battery and a random piece of wire on 20 meters. Lynn Bailey, **K5AVJ** noted that newer modes require very sophisticated equipment, while CW can be used with very simple transmitters that are more available in less-developed areas.

### License Study Course

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** announced that there have been two sessions so far of the General-class license study course. He encouraged anyone interested to join the class at 1300 each Saturday at Cisco College at 717 Industrial, located near the corner of Industrial and Loop 322.

## New Business

### Intermission

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** reported a recent contact on 40 meters with an aerospace engineering major operating her school's amateur radio club station in Missouri and juggling a pileup. She has a video of her recent model rocket launch on her QRZ page, callsign **KI5SXY**.

### Ham of the Month

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** announced starting a new program where he describes a member of the club and and the other members try to guess who is described.

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** started reading and Lynn Bailey, **K5AVJ** correctly guessed that the Ham of the Month for February was Mike Roche, **KF5ZQB**.

### Steam-N-Wheels Bicycle Race

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that the bicycle race is scheduled for March 11th and the city has contacted us to ask for the usual assistance. The city has not yet been informed of our new policy about liability waivers and indemnification. There will be a meeting at some point where the issue will be raised. The course has not yet been decided.

### Tower Party Request

Randy Hobbs, **KC5HHH** asked for help raising a tower.

### Minutes Publication Schedule

Tammy Harden, **KB5NLP** moved to ask that the meeting minutes be published within a week after each meeting. Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** seconded the motion. Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG** stated that he cannot guarantee the minutes will be ready within a week in all cases and explained the past reasoning for the current schedule. Consensus led to carrying a motion that the minutes no longer be held until they will serve a reminder for the next meeting.

*The motion was carried.*

## HamClubOnline

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** and Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** gave a brief tour of HamClubOnline. The planned presentation had to be revised on the spot after technical difficulties were encountered but the major highlights were eventually illustrated.

Elmer Delgado, **W5SLG** asked how long the site had been in operation, who is developing it, and how the project is funded. Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** and David Andrews, **WB5VIH** explained that the site has been in operation for at least four years, is developed by an amateur radio operator in California, and is funded by donations.

Bill Shaw, **KJ5DX** expressed concern about the risk of a possible data breach. David Andrews, **WB5VIH** explained that no such problems have yet occurred but admitted future incidents are possible. Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG** clarified that none of the big identity fraud risks (driver's license, SSN, etc.) are in HamClubOnline in response to a question.

### Eat-and-Greet

Druann Thomas, **N5QNL** suggested holding the eat-and-greet as a group lunch event after the SkyWARN training session. Consensus generally supported this.

### A Tale of Adventure

Lynn Bailey, **K5AVJ** mentioned a book, *300 Zeroes*, written by **K1YBP** who hiked the Appalachian Trail carrying a radio and making contacts from every state along the trail. The book is available from an "Online Library" which can be found with a search.

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Having no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** and seconded by Steve Roberts, **KG5QH**.

*With no objection, the motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 1957.*