

Key City Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

Minutes approved at the April 2023 meeting

KCARC Secretary Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**

March 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 1859 by David Andrews, **WB5VIH**.

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

Members introduced themselves. There were 33 members and 2 guests present at the meeting.

Members:

WB5VIH	KE5WHG	KB5NLP	KB5TUN
W5SLG	KE5LGG	AI5IY	WD6FIL
KC5HNNH	KC5ETW	W5JAP	AL7PB
KD5IL	KD6YLQ	KE5OVB	KF5BAB
WA5GIM	KI5OUS	KG5QH	KG5STQ
W5WNI	KF5ZQB	KI5DHX	KC5JJQ
WS5EAB	KF5YYP	KI5GOZ	WB5YFW
KI5YSJ	KG8DSK	K5AVJ	KI5THL
KJ5DX			

Radio Amateur guest:

KI5WPA

1 other guest was present

A motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting as published was made by Steve Roberts, **KG5QH** and seconded by Terry Shaffer, **KI5DHX**.
The motion was carried.

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

Old Business

SkyWARN

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported the recent local SkyWARN procedures session had a good turnout with about 20 people.

Morse Code Class

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that the Morse code class is going well, having just completed the sixth lesson.

General-class License Study Course

Edwin Bumpass, **WS5EAB** reported that the class continues with about 6 or 7 students.

Steam-N-Wheels

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that a manager in the city parks department sent him an email on March 8th asking for help with the bicycle race to be held on March 11th. This was not enough time for the club to organize assistance.

New Business

Ham of the Month

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** noted that this month's honoree was not present at the meeting and read the clues. No one in the club guessed, so the answer was revealed: Ron Ashmore, **WB5DUQ**

Presentation Planning

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported a request from Tivis Statler, **KI5GOZ** for information on building antennas. An informal poll found wide support for a presentation on building dipole antennas.

Elmer Delgado, **W5SLG** announced plans for a few presentations on different VHF-FM digital modes, to begin in April.

Miscellaneous

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that Dale Durham, **W5WI** has been reelected to another term as the ARRL WTX section manager.

Tivis Statler, **KI5GOZ** asked some questions about antennas, noting how he once used window screen as a TV antenna. David Andrews, **WB5VIH** noted that he has an antenna tuner that could be used with barbed-wire fences or bedsprings. Edwin Bumpass, **W5SEAB** asked about a build-your-own antenna class, and David Andrews, **WB5VIH** announced plans to arrange one at his shop. Tivis Statler, **KI5GOZ** then asked about antenna masts.

Tammy Harden, **KB5NLP** reported that there will be a railhead festival in Baird in May and asked if the club might be interested in helping with that festival on May 20th. While the event is in Baird and well beyond the range of the club repeaters, the event is also small enough to use simplex between HTs.

Elmer Delgado, **W5SLG** moved to consider club shirts, with a second from Cody Brannon, **KE5LGG**. John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB** suggested forming a committee and Lois Doerschuk, **KF5BAB** volunteered to chair the committee. The motion was amended to form a committee and carried by unanimous voice vote.

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** admitted to recently falling off of his tower because he rushed and did not properly use his safety equipment. He attached his safety lanyard to the wrong point on his belt and it did not hold his weight. He fell about 10 feet and was fortunate to land on his roof. Steve Roberts, **KG5QH** added not to park a car near the base of a tower when someone is working on the tower.

Presentation

Elmer Delgado, **W5SLG** gave an extemporaneous presentation about the current multi-system digital repeater networks. The presentation featured a few Web sites for various digital repeater networks:

- brandmeister.network
- tgif.network
- www.openquad.net
- dmr.openquad.net

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lynn Bailey, **K5AVJ** and seconded by Scott Keating, **KG8DSK**.

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