

Key City Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

Minutes approved at the July 2023 meeting

KCARC Secretary Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**

June 12, 2023

In the surprise absence of both the President and Vice President, the meeting was called to order at 1902 by KCARC Secretary Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Chandler, **KD5IL**. The invocation was given by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB**.

Members introduced themselves. There were 32 members and 2 guests present at the meeting.

Members:

KE5WHG	KB5NLP	WT5X	KF5BAB
KE5OVB	KD5IL	KD6YLQ	N5TEQ
WB5DUQ	AI5IY	KG5STQ	KI5THL
W5CHS	K2WCS	KJ6HXQ	K5AVJ
KE5LGG	W5WNI	N5QNL	WD6FIL
KG8DSK	KF5ZQB	KI5YTG	AD5KH
KE5OWL	WL7KS	KI5OUS	KF5YYP
WS5EAB	WB5YFW	KC5JJQ	KI5QEU

2 other guests were present

A motion to approve the minutes of the May meeting as published was made by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB** and seconded by Jim Chandler, **KD5IL**.

The motion was carried.

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

Old Business

Baird Railhead Festival

Tammy Harden, **KB5NLP** reported that all had gone well at the festival and thanked all of the volunteers who helped. Druann Thomas, **N5QNL** suggested expanding the car show and making more plans in advance for next year. John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB** noted that there had been 61 or 62 entries in the car show. The Baird Railhead Festival is always on the 3rd Saturday in May.

Antenna Class

Jim Chandler, **KD5IL** reported that the planned class had been canceled due to a death in the instructor's family. The class is expected to be rescheduled but no date has yet been set.

Club Shirts

Lois Doerschuk, **KF5BAB** reported that club shirts are now available at The Monogrammer. Druann Thomas, **N5QNL** followed up that the shirts may be ordered in person: go there and explain that you are a member of the Key City Amateur Radio Club. Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** reported that information will be added to the club's web site.

Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** asked to confirm that the shirts are to be ordered individually; this is so. Steve Cannell, **WD6FIL** asked if there is an option for online ordering. Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** explained that there is no online order form.

Field Day

Druann Thomas, **N5QNL** reported that the Field Day dinner will be brisket and sausage with potluck sides. Dinner will be at 1800 on Saturday. A sign-up sheet to bring side dishes was passed around. Sunday morning breakfast will be breakfast burritos. Sunday lunch will be leftovers from Saturday dinner.

John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB** noted that we normally begin setting up on the preceding Friday. Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** stated plans to get details from Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** and post them on the web site.

Mike Roche, **KF5ZQB** began the discussion for Field Day radio plans and asked that anyone planning to bring a radio also plan to bring an antenna. Either Jim Richard, **K1UQI** or David Andrews, **WB5VIH**

is expected to bring a CW station, but neither was present at the meeting. Mike Roche, **KF5ZQB** is planning to bring a PSK31 station. Steve Cannell, **WD6FIL** expects to bring a QRP FT8 station. Jim Chandler, **KD5IL** and Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** expect to be able to bring radios. Mike Roche, **KF5ZQB** has some antennas. Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** asked if the usual antennas will be available. John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB** reminded that we keep logs using computers. Edwin Bumpass, **WS5EAB** may be able to bring a mobile trailer setup if it is ready. Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** asked about planned media publicity efforts.

Druann Thomas, **N5QNL** reminded all that the Hamby VFD station is a fire station: the bay doors must not be blocked and, while small children are welcome at Field Day, they must be kept off of the fire trucks. Mike Roche, **KF5ZQB** added a further note to avoid blocking the mailbox.

Kendall Thomas, **W5WNI** noted that turnout on Sunday is usually much more slim than on Saturday. Mike Roche, **KF5ZQB** explained that Field Day runs 24 hours from 1300 Saturday to 1300 Sunday.

Druann Thomas, **N5QNL** asked what time setup on Friday would start. Mike Roche, **KF5ZQB** explained that the usual practice is to meet for breakfast at the Judge Ely McDonald's at 0730 or 0800 and then go to the Hamby VFD station. Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** gave a reminder that rattlesnakes have been found at the site in the past.

There were discussions about contest and FCC rules, including the criteria for a GOTA station at Field Day and requirements concerning control operators at all stations.

Multiple members gave a reminder that Field Day is always the last full weekend in June.

Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** asked to confirm that a 5-watt HT will reach the 146.760 repeater from the Hamby VFD station. Multiple members confirmed that the repeater is reachable with low power.

Science Educator Symposium

Louis Janis, **WB5YFW** reported that Cisco College has cancelled the event after too few educators (the audience for the presentations) registered to attend.

New Business

Tour de Gap Bicycle Race

Mike Roche, **KF5ZQB** reported that the organizers for the Tour de Gap bicycle race have again requested our assistance for the event. The race is on July 22nd and we will have another club meeting before the event. We will use the 443.100 repeater for this event.

VE Test Session Report

Ron Harden, Jr, **WT5X** named four individuals who passed the General-class exam, all upgrading from Technician-class: Steve Horning, **N0XVZ**, Otis Purvis, **KI5ZUN**, Jay Slaughter, **KI5SJZ**, Ryan Woodard, **W5FDM**

Miscellaneous

Mike Roche, **KF5ZQB** reported the cause of the absence of KCARC President David Andrews, **WB5VIH**: he is out sick with shingles.

Lois Doerschuk, **KF5BAB** reported a recent incident where a storm chaser had been spreading false alarms about an approaching tornado.

Ron Ashmore, **WB5DUQ** noted another memorable storm chaser running around with a very odd car that reminded him of *Ghostbusters*. A few others had also seen that car.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jim Chandler, **KD5IL** and seconded by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB**.

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