

Key City Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

Proposed minutes to be approved at the August 2023 meeting

KCARC Secretary Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**

July 10, 2023

In the absence of both the President and Vice President, the meeting was called to order at 1900 by KCARC Secretary Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Elmer Delgado, **W5SLG**. The invocation was given by Lynn Bailey, **K5AVJ**.

Members introduced themselves. There were 30 members and 6 guests present at the meeting.

Members:

KE5WHG	KB5NLP	N5TEQ	KI5THL
KF5BAB	KE5OVV	WA5GIM	KI5OUS
WD6FIL	W5SLG	KD6YLQ	KD5IL
KJ6HXQ	AI5IY	K5AVJ	KG8DSK
W5WNI	KE5LGG	KJ5DX	N5QNL
AD5KH	KI5DHX	KE5OWL	K2WCS
W5CHS	WB5YFW	KC5JJQ	KG5STQ
WL7KS	AL7PB		

Radio Amateur guests:

WD5MNJ **KD5HTS**

4 other guests were present

A motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting as published was made by Jim Chandler, **KD5IL** and seconded by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVV**.

The motion was carried.

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

Old Business

Field Day

Druann Thomas, **N5QNL** reported that the food was good and we raised an extra \$185 above the cost of the dinner as a donation to the Hamby VFD. She also noted that the overnight crew and GOTA station had performed well. Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** asked

about the score in the contest but no one present had that information.

Tour de Gap Bicycle Race

Tammy Harden, **KB5NLP** reported that David Andrews, **WB5VIH** wanted a reminder given about the event. Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG** noted that the plans are to use the 443.100 repeater and the course covers a large area, so UHF capability is needed and an HT is unlikely to be useful. Druann Thomas, **N5QNL** suggested further announcements be made on the weekly information net.

New Business

Possibility of Live-streaming Meetings

Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG** reported that David Andrews, **WB5VIH** had asked to add a discussion of the possibility of live-streaming our club meetings to the agenda.

Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** noted that the room we meet in has a video system. Elmer Delgado, **W5SLG** noted possible copyright issues with live streams of presentations. Druann Thomas, **N5QNL** raised the risk that introducing a remote option might reduce in-person attendance and Elmer Delgado, **W5SLG** concurred. Kendall Thomas, **W5WNI** suggested that introducing a remote option could lead to phasing out the in-person meetings. Druann Thomas, **N5QNL** suggested publishing video recordings afterwards and Tammy Harden, **KB5NLP** concurred.

Lynn Bailey, **K5AVJ** noted that the limitations on free Zoom accounts, particularly a 45 minute time limit, could make using a free account unworkable. Cody Brannon, **KE5LGG** noted that the Salt Fork Amateur Radio Club uses Jitsi because their club is

widely spread out, covering seven counties, among which their meeting location rotates, with an option to participate via videoconference for members away from the meeting. The discussion also mentioned BigBlueButton as another alternative.

Lois Doerschuk, **KF5BAB** asked if people could bring more information about different options to a later meeting.

Kendall Thomas, **W5WNI** suggested tabling the topic for a later meeting. Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** moved to table the issue with a second from Elmer Delgado, **W5SLG**. Consensus was to do so.

Repeater Issues

Bill Shaw, **KJ5DX** reported that the 146.960 and 444.250 repeaters are currently offline. He did not specify if this was due to issues with the repeaters themselves or the associated building, only that new equipment was needed.

Miscellaneous

Tammy Harden, **KB5NLP** reminded all to check the expiration dates on their amateur radio licenses.

Jim Chandler, **KD5IL** noted that exemptions from RF safety evaluations have been withdrawn and all amateur radio stations are now required to perform RF safety evaluations.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** and seconded by Lynn Bailey, **K5AVJ**.

With no objection, the motion was carried and the meeting adjourned for the presentation at 1927.