

Key City Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

Minutes approved at the November 2023 meeting

KCARC Secretary Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**

October 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 1902 by David Andrews, **WB5VIH**.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by David Andrews, **WB5VIH**. The invocation was given by John Smith, **KG7VB**.

Members introduced themselves. There were 25 members and 5 guests present at the meeting.

Members:

WB5VIH	KE5WHG	KB5NLP	N5JZH
N5TEQ	KC5ETW	WD6FIL	W5JAP
KI5OUS	KF5BAB	KE5OVB	KC5JJQ
WB5YFW	WZ5AB	KJ5CJL	KJ5DX
AD5KH	KI5GOZ	K2WCS	W5CHS
K5AVJ	KG8DSK	KG7VB	WS5EAB
KF5YYP			

Radio Amateur guests:

N5BBU **K5IRF**

3 other guests were present

A motion to approve the minutes of the September meeting as published was made by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB** and seconded by Scott Keating, **KG8DSK**. *The motion was carried.*

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

Old Business

Technician-class License Study Course

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** reported that a Technician-class license study course will be held at Cisco College on Saturdays 13:00 to 17:00 starting October 14th and running for six weeks to a test on December 2nd.

Repeater Issues

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** reported ongoing work preparing the new-to-us repeaters.

Electronics and Antenna Classes

Louis Janis, **WB5YFW** reported the conclusion of the electronics course with an antenna class presented by David Andrews, **WB5VIH** and a radio demonstration presented by Randy Robinson, **N5JZH**.

Possibility of Live-Streaming Meetings

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported another request and opened discussion. No one directly supported the idea, although there were jokes about needing more room on the back row. Lois Doerschuk, **KF5BAB** reminisced about a past member who traveled some distance to attend club meetings.

Newsletter

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** thanked Lynn Bailey, **K5AVJ** for his many years working on the club newsletter. James Porth, **W5JAP** has done other club newsletters and offered to volunteer to handle the KCARC newsletter.

Christmas Party

John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB** and Lois Doerschuk, **KF5BAB** requested that the Christmas party not be scheduled on the first Saturday of December to avoid a schedule conflict with American Legion. A discussion tentatively settled on December 16th and Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** suggested December 11th, which is the regular meeting night. Bill Shaw, **KJ5DX** explained that the Hamby VFD station is expected to be available on either of those nights.

Bill Shaw, **KJ5DX** asked about the food and David Andrews, **WB5VIH** responded that a potluck dinner like we do for Field Day is planned. Lois Doerschuk, **KF5BAB** mentioned the regular ornament exchange.

New Business

Club Officer Nominations for 2024

President

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** was nominated by Thomas McCain, **KC5ETW** with a second by Steve Cannell, **WD6FIL**. A motion that nominations cease was made by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB** with a second by John Smith, **KG7VB**.

Vice President

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** was nominated by Steve Cannell, **WD6FIL** with a second by Don Williams, **KI5OUS**. A motion that nominations cease was made by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB** with a second by Thomas McCain, **KC5ETW**.

Secretary

Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG** was nominated by Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** with a second by John Smith, **KG7VB**. A motion that nominations cease was made by Scott Keating, **KG8DSK** with a second by John Smith, **KG7VB**.

Treasurer

Tammy Harden, **KB5NLP** was nominated by Lois Doerschuk, **KF5BAB** with a second by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB**. A motion that nominations cease was made by Lynn Bailey, **K5AVJ** with a second by John Smith, **KG7VB**.

A motion to accept the slate by acclamation was made by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB** with a second by John Smith, **KG7VB**.

The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

ARES / RACES

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported a recent West Central Texas Council of Governments Emergency

Preparedness Conference on September 28th where a radio demonstration was given to show the capabilities of ARES and RACES. A follow-on discussion noted SkyWARN and mentioned some past disaster incidents.

Edwin Bumpass, **WS5EAB** asked about ARES training. David Andrews, **WB5VIH** explained that the ARES meeting is at 10:00 on the first Saturday each month in the same place as the club meetings.

Bylaw Amendment

Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** moved to amend the club bylaws by, in section 6 "Elections", appending:

If no office has more than one nominee,
notice and ballots need not be mailed.

John Smith, **KG7VB** seconded the motion.

The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Miscellaneous

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** highlighted an online ionospheric weather report service available from <http://region6armymars.org>.

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** reported a collection of old KCARC papers, including a club roster from 1989, when we had 103 members, spanning both sides of a typed page, which he had brought to the meeting.

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** mentioned HamClubOnline and encouraged members to use the site.

Tammy Harden, **KB5NLP** announced a VE session on October 14th.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Christopher Smith, **K2WCS** and seconded by Thomas McCain, **KC5ETW**.

With no objection, the motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 2000.