

Key City Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

Minutes approved at the March 2024 meeting

KCARC Secretary Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**

February 12, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 19:02 by David Andrews, **WB5VIH**.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by David Andrews, **WB5VIH**. The invocation was given by Lynn Bailey, **K5AVJ**.

Members introduced themselves. There were 34 members and 4 guests present at the meeting.

Members:

WB5VIH	KE5WHG	KB5NLP	N5JZH
W5JAP	KJ5DMP	WB5DXA	WB5DUQ
W5WNI	N5QNL	KJ5DX	KE5LGG
KI5DHX	K5BEZ	WL7KS	AL7PB
KI5VCO	KJ6HXQ	KG8DSK	K5AVJ
KC5ETW	KE5DOO	KF5ZQB	W5SLG
KF5BAB	KE5OVB	KI5OUS	KF5YYP
WS5EAB	KC5JJQ	KF5OAS	KC5AQF
K2WCS	W5CHS		

Radio Amateur guests:

KJ5AAF **KC5KXK**

2 other guests and associate members were present

A motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting as published was made by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB** and seconded by Ron Ashmore, **WB5DUQ**.

The motion was carried.

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

Old Business

Repeater Issues

Cody Brannon, **KE5LGG** reported that the cables have been run at the site and the equipment will soon be installed. David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported receipt of invoices for materials used totalling \$722.30.

John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB** moved to reimburse Cody Brannon, **KE5LGG** for these expenses with a second from Edwin Bumpass, **WS5EAB**.

The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

SkyWARN

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** announced the annual SkyWARN training session will be held on Saturday, February 24th at 9:00 at Hart Auditorium at ACU. A breakfast is planned at the Highway 80 What-a-burger at 7:30.

A discussion followed. Lois Doerschuk, **KF5BAB** reminisced that SkyWARN had introduced her to amateur radio. David Andrews, **WB5VIH** noted the May 11th, 1970 Lubbock tornado. Druann Thomas, **N5QNL** mentioned that we had already had the first few storms of the year, including one tornado that thankfully was not near Abilene.

Bill Shaw, **KJ5DX** reported that the 443.100 repeater is now the link to the San Angelo weather office.

General-class License Study Course

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** reported that the class has six students and has met for two weeks so far. The General-class material has been notably expanded at its most recent revision. Bill Shaw, **KJ5DX** asked about a planned test session for the students and Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** answered that the plans are for the students to test in April.

KCARC Activity Ideas

Greg Ellis, **KF5OAS** suggested group project-building sessions on Saturday mornings and passed around a few copies of an article "Band-Pass Filters for HF Transceivers" that appeared in the September

1988 issue of *QST*. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** noted that he has a similar project.

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** suggested a fox hunt the week before Field Day, noting that he plans to build a tape-measure Yagi and wants to try it out. The fox hunt will be on 2 meters.

Field Day

Field Day is the fourth full weekend in June, which will be the 22nd and 23rd this year.

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** noted that Field Day will be in about 90 days and called for a volunteer for the Field Day Chairman role. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** volunteered on condition that others help, specifically asking for station captains for each station. Edwin Bumpass, **WS5EAB** and Travis McClure, **KJ5AAF** volunteered to help. Mike Roche, **KF5ZQB** and David Andrews, **WB5VIH** volunteered as digital and CW station captains, respectively.

Extra-class Study Group Plans

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** reported that an email had been sent out but few responses had been received. There is too much material to workably cover in a classroom format, so this will be more of a guided self-study program.

New Business

Technician-class Study Course Plans

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** reported plans for a Technician-class course in Cisco on Thursday nights. This course will be more self-study oriented than the regular courses. Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** also reported a growing waiting list for the regular Technician-class course.

Study Guide Reimbursement

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported receiving invoices totalling \$593.84 for the study guide books given to students at the various study courses. The club has grant funds usable for this purpose.

John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB** moved to reimburse Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** for the books from applicable grant funds with a second from Druann Thomas, **N5QNL**.

The motion was carried by voice vote.

Cisco College “Wrangler Day”

Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** reported a request for a demonstration at “Wrangler Day” on Wednesday, April 17th at Cisco College and suggested possible arrangements for a special event station.

Tailgate Sale

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** announced tentative plans for a KCARC tailgate sale on May 11th from 9:00 to noon at the VFW pavilion on the south side of the main VFW building.

Salt Fork Amateur Radio Club

Cody Brannon, **KE5LGG** reported that the Salt Fork Amateur Radio Club meets and also has a weekly net on Wednesday nights on the Haskell repeater on 146.74MHz with a 100Hz tone.

Information Net

Edwin Bumpass, **WS5EAB** announced that he will need someone to fill in for him as net control on February 22nd, and thanked all for their participation in the net. Ron Ashmore, **WB5DUQ** volunteered to fill in.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mel Saunders, **AL7PB** and seconded by Scott Keating, **KG8DSK**.

With no objection, the motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 19:51.