

# Key City Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

1<sup>st</sup> draft for review and comment before proposing for approval at the June 2024 meeting

KCARC Secretary Jacob Bachmeyer, **KE5WHG**

May 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 19:03 by David Andrews, **WB5VIH**.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by David Andrews, **WB5VIH**. The invocation was given by John Bogart, **WX5TX**.

Members introduced themselves. There were 32 full members and 9 others present at the meeting.

Members:

<b>WB5VIH</b>	<b>KE5WHG</b>	<b>KB5NLP</b>	<b>KF5RQC</b>
<b>AL7PB</b>	<b>W5JAP</b>	<b>WB5DUQ</b>	<b>K5AVJ</b>
<b>WX5TX</b>	<b>N5TEQ</b>	<b>KE5OVB</b>	<b>KF5BAB</b>
<b>KJ5DMP</b>	<b>KI5DHX</b>	<b>KE5OWL</b>	<b>W5WNI</b>
<b>N5QNL</b>	<b>WZ5AB</b>	<b>KC5JJQ</b>	<b>WB5YFW</b>
<b>KG8DSK</b>	<b>AD5KH</b>	<b>KI5YTG</b>	<b>WL7KS</b>
<b>KJ5CJL</b>	<b>W5CHS</b>	<b>K2WCS</b>	<b>KG7VB</b>
<b>KF5OAS</b>	<b>KF5ZQB</b>	<b>WB5PGX</b>	<b>AA5OG</b>

Radio Amateur guests:

**KE8EZE** **KG5FNA**

7 other guests and associate members were present

A motion to approve the minutes of the April meeting as published was made by John Doerschuk, **KE5OVB** and seconded by John Smith, **KG7VB**.

*The motion was carried.*

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

## Old Business

### Repeater Issues

Brent Morris, **N5TEQ** reported that work on the new equipment continues.

### Field Day

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that Randy Robinson, **N5JZH** had prepared sign-up sheets for various roles at Field Day. Druann Thomas, **N5QNL** chairs the food committee and announced plans for the traditional potluck dinner, with a sign-up sheet to be circulated at the next meeting. Dinner will be at 18:00 on Saturday. A planning committee meeting is scheduled for 9:00 in the morning on May 25<sup>th</sup> at Rosa's on the south side of town.

Kendall Thomas, **W5WNI** reported that the Hamby VFD radios took a direct lightning strike in recent storms, and Hamby VFD is requesting some technical assistance to improve grounding.

### Extra-class Study Group

Louis Janis, **WB5YFW** reported that the study group discussed mixers and efforts to resolve issues with a member's mobile radio.

### Cisco College "Wrangler Day"

Mike Roche, **KF5ZQB** and David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that the event was a success, mostly running on solar power. Louis Janis, **WB5YFW** added that ten students expressed interest in a Technician-class study course. David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that the first contact at the event was a station in the Czech Republic.

### Tailgate Sale

Ron Ashmore, **WB5DUQ** reported that the tailgate sale was a success. Although rain seemed imminent the entire time, the event wrapped up before the rain started. Consensus was to try scheduling another event in early November.

## Tour de Gap Bicycle Race

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported that he has yet to receive final details from the organizers. The event will use the 443.100 repeater.

## New Business

### Baird Railhead Festival

Tammy Harden, **KB5NLP** announced that the car show at the festival will be held this year on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8:00 in the morning and running to noon.

### Recent Severe Weather

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reported recent severe weather and shared pictures he took of a tornado. Video recorded on May 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Horton, **KF5RQC** from his back porch in Hodges, TX was also shown. Denise Mattie, **KJ5DMP** recounted that Anson still has tornado sirens, but when the sirens sounded, many people came out to watch instead of taking shelter.

Druann Thomas, **N5QNL** reported her experience running the SkyWARN net during the recent storms. She also noted that she has trouble using standard spelling alphabets and that **K5ABI** is often operated “tag-team” with multiple operators at net control, and then asked for feedback. Louis Janis, **WB5YFW** noted that someone had been talking very fast and was hard to understand. Mike Roche, **KF5ZQB** again mentioned the value of Spotter Network, and David Andrews, **WB5VIH** reminded all to be sure to check out properly from the SkyWARN net, after having returned safely home, and that the 443.100 repeater is now the link to the NWS San Angelo office.

### Eat-and-Greet

David Andrews, **WB5VIH** gave a reminder that the regular Eat-and-Greet is the last Saturday of the month at 18:00 at Potter’s Pizza.

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Having no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lynn Bailey, **K5AVJ** and seconded by Mel Saunders, **AL7PB**.

*With no objection, the motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 20:01.*