

# THE NEWSLETTER OF THE KINGS COUNTY RADIO CLUB

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## Minutes of the March 2016 KCRC Meeting, March 2nd, 2016

The monthly meeting was called to order at 8 PM, by our President, Howard N2GOT. Also present at tonight's meeting were Vice President Gary N2WGR, Treasurer Richard KA2KDQ, General Secretary Roy AC2GS, Executive Board Member at Large Mitch N2RGA, Past President Ed W2DEV, Andy WA2GDS, and Gene KD2KFX.

A motion was presented to accept the Minutes of the February Meeting, and was passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report—Our Treasury currently has \$1,839.98 in assets.

10 Meter Report—Reported in absentia, that the 10 Meter Net has good attendance, continued poor propagation has limited most check-ins to mostly the Metropolitan area.

2 Meter Report—Richard KA2KDQ reported less than stellar attendance recently and urged members and friend of the Club to try to check in each week.

Old News: Our most recent VE Session was a great success. We were able to award new Technician, and General Licenses, and was pleased to assist our member Howard K2IGJ in acquiring his Extra License. Our next VE Session is scheduled for March 20th, 2016 at Methodist Hospital, at 1 PM. It was once again suggested that we firm up the next few VE Sessions, so that exam takers can be made aware of the next exams that will be offered by our Club. There was a discussion regarding expanding the number of VE volunteers, coordinating their effort via email, and having a “back up” VE Liaison officer to take the place of Ed W2DEV, who will be moving soon, to Virginia. Any member or friend of the Club with an Extra License is urged to consider becoming a VE (it is quite easy, and we are ready to assist anyone interested).

Members are once again urged to pay their dues for 2016. Membership dues become due on January 1st of the year. It is hoped that more members could take the time to either use PayPal or send off a check to our Treasurer Richard KA2KDQ to pay their 2016 dues!

The quarterly new membership drive has not provided any new members yet.

Our Web Master Mitch N2RGA has taken on the task of developing a web page that lists the members of our club in good standing . No great secrets will be published, just our Names and call signs.

Our Vice President Gary N2WGR will be handling the creation and mailing of a more detailed Roster of Members.

Once again, please pay your 2016 dues, so that you will be included in these rosters (as well as continue to receive these exciting Club Minutes)!

Although our check to update Metrocor's records of our Club Repeater was cashed last December, we are still awaiting Metrocor's regularly scheduled meeting (whenever that happens) before any change to their database can be made (i.e. 'don't hold your breathe'). Members will be informed when/if this status changes.

Work progresses on further hardware upgrades to our Club Repeater, in order to make it a more enjoyable experience for all users.

Field Day was discussed, broadly, and the membership was reminded of the surprising fact that it is only a little more than three months away!

New Business: Our illustrious (and modest) Secretary, Roy AC2GS reported that he recently reviewed the documented email addresses of the general membership. Four member's listed email addresses do not exist. The list of non-existent email addresses were provided to our President, to investigate if legitimate email addresses exist for these people. The Secretary also reported that in the previous emailing of our Club Minutes, a reply, to indicate that the email arrived, was pleaded for—we received a 16% response... Really guys, join us here in the 21st Century, it's a very nice Century and the technology is 'really cool'!

The meeting was closed at 9:30 PM.

### Good and Welfare

Howard K2IGJ is convalescing at home after an operation. Juan KC2QNK has recently been hospitalized at New York-Presbyterian/Weil Cornell Medical Center on East 68th Street, Building 2 North, Room 2213A. He can be contacted at 917-588-2623. KCRC members wish them, both, a speedy recovery .

### News Bytes

**US Amateur Radio Numbers Continue to Soar:** Amateur Radio is alive and well! Growth in the US continued in 2015, with a record 735,405 licensees in the FCC's Universal Licensing System (ULS) database by the end of the year!

**New Amateur Extra Question Pool Puts Greater Emphasis on Digital, SDRs, Propagation:** "The primary change is modernization of the pool to place more emphasis on digital communications, digital test equipment, software defined radios, and propagation/space weather," he said. "Also, a number of other topics were added, including questions on some additional antenna types commonly used by radio amateurs." Anders said that room to cover the new topics was made in the question pool by dropping some questions that had been in the expiring pool.

**FCC Seeks Comments on Petition to Grant Lifetime Amateur Radio Licenses:** The FCC is seeking comments on a Petition for Rule Making (RM 11760) that asks the FCC to grant lifetime Amateur Radio licenses. Mark F. Krotz, N7MK, of Mesa, Arizona, filed his request with the FCC last November. He wants the FCC to revise § 97.25 of its rules to indicate that Amateur Radio licenses are granted for the holder's lifetime, instead of for the current 10 year term. Krotz noted that the General Radiotelephone Operator License (GROL) already is issued on a lifetime basis, and he maintained that not having to renew licenses would lighten the FCC's workload.

These minutes were respectfully recorded and submitted by Roy AC2GS on this day, March 2nd, in the two thousandth and sixteenth year of our Lord of Propagation...

(AC2GS would like to thank all the people that maintain the program and the keyboard used to type these minutes, as well as the nice guy that pays for the gas heat, so that AC2GS was nice and warm during this exercise. )

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