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## Minutes of the March 2019 KCRC Meeting, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Our March “Pre-Meeting Question and Answer Session” was a lively affair, with no specific main topic.

The monthly meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM, by our President, Joseph AC2AE. Also present at tonight’s meeting were Vice President Simon KD2LQE, Treasurer Richard KA2KDQ, General Secretary Roy AC2GS, Berlotte KD2MYF, Mitch N2RGA, Howard N2GOT, Ray W2DEA, Frank KD2QDU, Melanie KC2LYV, Jason WF2N, Gene KY2MY, Joe KD2QBQ, Milen KG2C, Jason KD2LRX, John WB2LFU, Dexter KD2LOM, and a new visitor to our club meeting, David KB2USM.

The vote to accept the minutes of the February meeting was passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report—Richard KA2KDQ, reported that our Treasury currently has \$1,577.23 in assets in our bank account, \$211.00 pending deposit, for a total of \$1,788.23.

Repeater status was discussed by Mitch N2RGA - The linear amplifier has been fixed and will be re-installed at the repeater site in the next few weeks. The audio files that the repeater broadcasts will be ‘refreshed’ at that time, as well. Mitch N2RGA will be asking Stuart WA2JNF if he would visit our repeater site and tune up the repeater to optimum operating levels. Brandmeister access has been erratic lately. Joseph AC2AE is working on alternative, more stable links to the repeater.

2 Meter Report—Richard KA2KDQ reported that he is averaging “about a dozen” check-ins weekly. He is operating as Net Control Operator in his car and driving to locations where his signal will be better for the repeater. Alternative Net Control Operators are requested to volunteer, and a list will be drawn up.

10 Meter Report—Roy AC2GS reported that the 10 Meter Net is going well. We still need more Net Control Operators to rotate in this position, each Sunday. Perfect reception or a very strong signal is not necessarily needed. The participants of the Net are available to relay messages back and forth, as needed. Please consider volunteering for this position. The Club executive committee will try to cover the Net Control Operator post until a more permanent replacement is found.

KCRC TechNet —Our Net Control Operator and Host, Roy AC2GS, reported that the TechNet is alive and well, but can always use more participants—either to ask questions, or offer advice. Please consider listening and participating—either with questions or answers, or opinions. Participation makes or breaks a TechNet.

KC2RC FusionNet—The FusionNet continues to go strong, both locally and through its Wires-X room. Joseph AC2AE is looking into offering more linking options in the near future. There are 16+ check-ins weekly and Wires-X check-ins from around the world! Anyone wishing to suggest a topic or question for the Fusion Net can email it to: [TheFusionExperience@KingsCountyRadioClub.com](mailto:TheFusionExperience@KingsCountyRadioClub.com) . The email address is also planned to be changed in the near future—if you have any great ideas for a new email name (the part BEFORE the ‘@’, not after it), contact Joseph AC2AE or Jason KD2LRX—the winner will get a free KCRC patch!

**Old Business:** Our next VE Exam is scheduled for March 10, 2019. For ANY individuals interested in joining our VE Team, please contact any Executive Member of the Club or the return email address for these emails of our Club Meeting's minutes. People took time out of their busy lives to help get you licensed - pass on the favor!

Our Club presently has 76 members, 61 of whom have paid their 2019 dues (80% paid up for 2019). We had one previous member rejoin our club in 2019, Tommy KD2KGD.

Regarding the planned KCRC Club patch, Roy AC2GS reported recalcitrance with the manufacturer. They are having a problem obtaining the agreed upon patch design at the size agreed upon. The factories 'proof' was illegible and unsatisfactory (a copy of the proposed 'proof' image was shown at the meeting). A counter offer was made by the manufacturer to increase the size to 3 1/2 inches at the same cost, where the agreed upon design could be reproduced. A vote was taken to agree to this compromise, which passed unanimously. It was Roy AC2GS' opinion that with this compromise the new patches should be available by our April General Meeting.

Lloyd K2JVX offered his progress report, *in absentia*, on our Special Event Station K2M, at the Brooklyn Naval Yard on June 8-9, 2019 commemorating the commissioning of the U.S.S. Missouri. If you are interested in being part of the "build-up" and/or "break-down" crew that will be needed to transfer the equipment back to Mitch N2RGA, who stores the clubs equipment, or is interested in participating in some other way for the special event, please contact Lloyd K2JVX.

There were no new developments regarding Field Day 2019, except discussion of a 'Get On The Air' GOTA station as well as educational brochures for the event printed up and distributed during Field Day.

Joseph AC2AE mentioned his hope that we could arrange a "Saturday Night Out" sometime in May, where club members could meet and socialize, and requested location suggestions for a possible event.

#### **New Business:**

The idea of a Committee for developing Internet and Radio Links to our Repeater and a voluntary fund for donations into this program was brought up, but Joseph AC2AE did not feel as though the costs and benefits were well defined enough at this point, and tabled the idea at this time.

As is our practice, Roy AC2GS suggested that any member that has failed to pay is dues by April should be stricken from our club roster, which will be published to all club members, in good standing some time after our April General Meeting. Emails asking members to advise us if they would like their information removed from the roster, for privacy reasons, as always, will be included in the emailing of the March General Meeting Minutes.

There was a suggestion to offer some form of 'Mentoring Program' by the club—It was mentioned that in addition to a monthly Q&A session at each General Meeting, a radio Technical Net, original articles published in many club minutes, and its website, VE handouts with email addresses to obtain further information, and a series of web based Forums on our website, there were numerous other venues for mentoring being used in the club.

At 9:10 PM the meeting was concluded.

[See you April 3rd for our next meeting!](#)

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These minutes were respectfully recorded and submitted by Roy AC2GS on this day, March 6<sup>th</sup>, in the two thousandth and nineteenth year of our Lord of Propagation...

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