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Minutes of the April 2019 KCRC Meeting, April 6th, 2019

Our April “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, Treasurer Richard KA2KDQ, General Secretary Roy AC2GS, Berlotte KD2MYF, Mitch N2RGA, Howard N2GOT, Frank KD2QDU, Lloyd K2JVX, Bob KD2NVB, Joe KD2QBQ, Ralph KD2QBR, Al KD2QME, Allan KD2OMG and a new visitor to our club meeting, Allie.

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

Treasurer Report—Richard KA2KDQ, reported that our Treasury currently has \$1,768.81 in assets in our bank account, \$43.09 pending deposit, for a total of \$1,788.23.

Repeater status was discussed by Mitch N2RGA - A visit to the repeater had to be delayed. When possible, Mitch N2RGA and Joe AC2AE will go up to the repeater site and replace the final amplifier, as well as update the controller’s firmware and refresh the audio announcement files. A friend of the club, Stuart WA2JNF will come by the repeater site to check out and adjust the repeater as required. Joseph AC2AE is continuing on working on alternative, more stable links to the repeater.

2 Meter Report—Richard KA2KDQ reported that he has been suffering technical problems lately. He will be away, visiting Israel from April 15 to May 6th and will require an alternative Net Control Operator for that period.

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. The contest to rename the contact email address for the FusionNet:

TheFusionExperience@KingsCountyRadioClub.com, is continuing . 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 May 19, 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 78 members, 65 of whom have paid their 2019 dues (81% paid up for 2019). We had two new members in the past month—Carl KK0GIO and Stefan KD2RR. One previous member rejoin our club in the past month.

Regarding the planned KCRC Club patch, Roy AC2GS brought the 100 patches that the club purchases and quickly sold 30 of them to the members present at the monthly meeting. The patches will be available for \$5 each at club meetings and available from Richard KA2KDQ for an additional \$1 shipping and handling fee.

Lloyd K2JVX made his progress report, 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 obtaining insurance through the ARRL for Club Activities. This will be further researched over the next month and a report will be provided by next month's meeting.

Joseph AC2AE mentioned 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.

As was discussed at our previous monthly meeting, after these minutes are emailed to the general membership, our club roster will remove those past members that have chosen not to pay dues for the 2019 year and soon after our annual club roster will be emailed to all members in good standing.

New Business:

Joseph AC2AE discussed plans to get our repeater site wi-fi Internet access. The plan is to mount a directional wi-fi antenna at the site with it pointed to Joe's Co-op apartment, where he will have another directional wi-fi antenna pointed at the repeater site. A ‘proof of concept’ was suggested to ensure that this would provide adequate, dependable Internet access before the club purchased the necessary hardware. Joe will report back on his progress during future monthly meetings.

Berlotte KD2KD2MYF and Joseph AC2AE discussed a recent ARRL NLI Cabinet Meeting that they attended, which included a discussion of an entry level amateur license easier than the present Technician License, as well as other plans in the ARRL.

At 9:40 PM the meeting was concluded.

[See you May 1st for our next meeting!](#)

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