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Minutes of the August 2018 KCRC Meeting, August 1st, 2018

Our August “Pre-Meeting Question and Answer Session” was a very informal affair this month. Once again, no specific topic took center stage with many topics being discussed.

The monthly meeting was called to order at 8 PM, by our President, Mitch N2RGA. Also present at tonight’s meeting were Vice President Howard N2GOT, Treasurer Richard KA2KDQ, General Secretary Roy AC2GS, Milen KG2C, Simon KD2LQE, Joe AC2AE, Lloyd K2JVX, Bob KD2NVB, Al, Chris KE2A, John WB2LFU, Axel KD2OVM, and our newest members Ralph KD2QBR and Joe KD2QBQ, and a former member of KCRC Julian 8R1B, who is helping us with our plans for a club patch.

The vote to accept the minutes of the June and July meetings was passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report—Richard KA2KDQ, reported that our Treasury currently has \$806.67 in assets in our bank account, with \$891 (for our new Generator Fund) in our Club PayPal account, for a total of \$1,801.48. Since June, Ray W2DEA, Joe KD2QBQ, Ralph KD2QBR, and Johnnie KD2GYO joined our Club—our Club presently has 60 members!

2 Meter Report—Richard KA2KDQ reported that occasional technical problems show up on the Net—that past Tuesday, there was a problem with Richard’s antique microphone, that he has been using with his HT in his car parked near his home for the Net. Richard will probably rely on less antique hand mics in the future.

10 Meter Report—Our most recent Net had Roy AC2GS as temporary Net Control operator. Activity has been brisk, with more than a few DX stations checking in to say hello. We seem to have a clear conduit down south to the Virginias, the Carolinas and especially Florida. We could use some more participation from here in the metropolitan area. The Club is still searching for a new Net Control Operator for this Net. Anyone with a decent 10 Meter setup with a free hour or two on Sunday morning should consider volunteering. 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. Joe AC2AE volunteered to be Net Control Operator for at least one Sunday each month, once his roof antennas are re-installed. If anyone is interested in being on such a rotating roster, please let Roy AC2GS know. 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 still around. But could really use some more participation. Even the LIMARC TechNet sometimes only has one question, but their listeners were able to keep that particular lone question alive for almost two hours. If you know everything already and have no questions, fine, then offer opinions on the topics that come up! This ain’t a radio broadcast, it is an Amateur Radio Net! Please listen to our TechNet and PARTICIPATE!

KC2RC FusionNet—The FusionNet was “down” a few weeks ago, due to a repeater failure. Otherwise, it continues to be an active Net.

Old Business: Our most recent VE session was July 22nd, 2018 . Two candidates earned their Tech licenses, and a holder of a Technician’s license earned an upgrade to a General license. Our next VE Exam is scheduled for September 16, 2018. Bob KD2PPV has joined us on the VE Team! For ANY other interested individuals, 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!

Repeater status was reported by Mitch N2RGA—Mitch reported that the controller still is not operational. He plans to return to the repeater site with Joe AC2AE to scope out the voltage levels of the repeater-controller cable and will ask the controller manufacturer whether there is something mis-wired somewhere. Mitch will be returning his radio, now used to stream our repeater onto the Internet, back into his car, and we will then lose our stream.KC2RC.com audio stream until another source for our repeater can be found. If anyone has a fusion capable radio and would be interested in streaming our Repeater onto the Internet please let a member of the executive board know.

Julian 8R1B brought a sample of our planned embroidered KCRC club patch. There was much discussion regarding initial design choices, the size and the shape decided upon and a short discourse of proper graphic design was offered by John WB2LFU. Julian was asked to modify his sample to make the dark blue background more of a “sky blue” and the Brooklyn Bridge represented with a more “copper” thread color. Julian will return next month with these modifications. ANYONE who thinks that they have a better design (our present design can be found at the bottom of our website’s front page), feel free to email it to the executive board members or bring it to the next meeting!

Regarding Field Day, our final point score was announced as 1,580. Everything went very well, so there are no plans for any major modifications for Field Day 2019, except perhaps to keep kibitzing visitors away from operators on the radio trying to add more of those points!

New Business:

Mitch has initiated a Fund to purchase a new Honda 2000W generator, which will cost somewhere around \$950+. A pop-up on our website directs viewers to make a donation, but anyone can just go to PayPal and donate to “Treasurer@KingsCountyRadioClub.com”. At this time we have \$891, but we still could use a few more bucks for spare spark plugs and other bits and pieces. Please be generous! With an easily more portable power source the Club would be able to consider more outdoor radio events for Club members.

The August 2018 issue of QST had our member Howard K2IGJ, listed as a silent key, and Alain K1FM was on its cover, featuring the Xenia/Dayton Hamfest, that he attended.

Towards the end of the meeting Milen KG2C showed his new inexpensive AliBaba 40+ foot Chinese carbon fiber collapsible fishing pole, which he uses to support antenna wire when he is operating portable, as well as his new MFJ -1708SDR T/R switch.

At 10:10 PM the last few members left the conference room, and we called it a day.

See ya September 5th!

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These minutes were respectfully recorded and submitted by Roy AC2GS on this day, August 1st, in the two thousandth and eighteenth year of our Lord of Propagation...

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