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## Minutes of the September 2018 KCRC Meeting, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Our September “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, John WB2LFU, Joe KD2QBQ, Berlotte KD2MYF, Dan KC2TRX, Al, and a former member of KCRC Mike Lisenco N2YBB, who has joined us tonight to discuss what is happening in the American Radio Relay League and to discuss his campaign for re-election as Director of the ARRL Hudson Division.

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

Mike Lisenco N2YBB made an eloquent presentation regarding planned changes in the ARES and Official Observer organizations, the status of the Amateur Radio Parity Act, promoting more frequency allocations for Technician license holders, as well as the present political scene between elected ARRL officials and a group attempting to be elected to these positions in opposition. Mike’s presentation could take up pages and pages here, but we would suggest that you look at Mike’s web page: <https://www.n2ybb.radio/>. ARRL ballots should be mailed out the first week in October and the winners will be announced mid-November.

Treasurer Report—Richard KA2KDQ, reported that our Treasury currently has \$2,038.68, which includes all the money collected for the club’s generator fund. Since August, Jason KD2PUW joined our Club—our Club presently has 61 members!

2 Meter Report—This week’s Net was run by Milen KG2C, because Richard KA2KDQ had a family emergency (everything is fine now), and he should return to the InfoNet next week.

10 Meter Report—Our most recent Net had Roy AC2GS as temporary Net Control operator. Activity remains limited to local operators. It would be nice if more club members could participate in this. Roy AC2GS has needed to partially disassemble his shack and ship a main part back to its manufacturer for repairs, so Howard KD2MSU will be running the Net for the next week or so. If anyone is interested in being permanent Net Control Operator or be added to a rotating list of NCO, 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. The last TechNet was cancelled due to problems with the Repeater that have since been resolved. We continue to ask for some more participation from our club members. Please listen to our TechNet and PARTICIPATE!

KC2RC FusionNet—The FusionNet is doing well. Joe AC2AE is asking if any club member might wish to take over the job of promoting the FusionNet on Social Media. If you are interested, kindly contact Joe AC2AE.

**Old Business:** Our next VE Exam is scheduled for September 16, 2018. We will need to have six VE's for this VE Session. If you are a qualified VE please volunteer your services to the VE Team. 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 repeater is operating, although the final power amplifier failed and signal output had to be decreased. We are looking into a replacement amplifier. Problems persist with getting all the features of our Arcom controller operational. Our stalwart Repeater Techs Mitch N2RGA and Joe AC2AE will try to wrangle the Arcom controller to behave.

Julian 8R1B was not available for tonight's meeting, so the subject of the KCRC Patch has been tabled for next month.

The generator fund has amassed \$1,000+ for a new Honda 2200 Watt generator. 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". We can still 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.

**New Business:**

Our annual Fall Picnic was scheduled for September 30, 2018 at Manhattan Beach. Please follow our website for any further details.

Winter Field Day was discussed—it is scheduled for January 26 & 27, 2019—anyone interested in helping to organize a club event for this, contact the Executive Board.

Towards the end of the meeting Milen KG2C showed his new DG8SAQ VNA 3 1.3 GHz Vector Network Analyzer. At 9:45 PM the meeting was ended.

(Lloyd K2JVX mentioned, during the August meeting, the idea of setting up a special event station to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the battleship Missouri at the end of January 2019. Anyone interested please contact the Executive Board, or Lloyd K2JVX)

See ya October 3rd!

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These minutes were respectfully recorded and submitted by Roy AC2GS on this day, September 5<sup>th</sup>, in the two thousandth and eighteenth year of our Lord of Propagation...