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Minutes of the October 2nd 2019 KCRC Meeting

(Regrettably, your intrepid Editor could not attend the October meeting, instead Mitch N2RGA was kind enough to record the audio of the General Meeting, which I used to produce this ‘not really a transcript’ of the even.)

The monthly meeting was called to order by our President, Joseph AC2AE. Also present at tonight’s meeting were Treasurer Richard KA2KDQ, Executive Board Members-At-Large Mitch N2RGA and Berlotte KD2MFY, Frank KD2QDU, Lloyd K2JVX, Dan KC2TRX, William, and new visitors Jacobo KK6RKA and Maxime.

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

Treasurer Report—Richard KA2KDQ, reported that our Treasury currently has \$1,232.76 in our bank account as well as \$89 in our PayPal account for a total of \$1,321.76 in assets.

Repeater status was discussed by Mitch N2RGA and Joseph AC2AE - The repeater’s receive and transmit cables were replaced, and the voice promotions were replaced with a professional announcer’s work. Work progresses on our options for network routes to our Repeater, Ryan W4EAE has been doing a phenomenal job down in South Carolina getting all the software and hardware to communicate between each other. We have a YSF server that can be accessed with a DMR HT using a Hotspot (like a ZumSpot, or a JumboSpot, or a NanoSpot, or an OpenSpot1 or 2), for which there are instructions on our website. As well as a new XLX server that will allow access by Hotspot on either a DMR radio OR a D-Star radio. Roy AC2GS’ suggestion that a complete list of items presently being borrowed to maintain these links, with prices and sources for club purchased replacements is presently on hold, because Joe AC2AE believes that we may yet be able to shrink the amount of hardware required in a future implementation of these links. When our options have been fully explored Joe AC2GS will submit a list of club purchases and return the present hardware to our generous members that have loaned us their equipment for a proof of concept/implementation. Joe AC2AE said that other possible repeater links, such as P25, Peanut, Zell, and Echolink will be explored in future months, as well as thoughts of expanding our repeater system to 70cm and 10M as well - these options will be discussed at future club meetings.

2 Meter Report—Richard KA2KDQ no significant change. We can still use some alternative Net Control Operators for the Net, and in light of Richard’s announcement that he intends to retire from his job at the MTA in the Summer of 2020 and relocate to Israel a new Net Control Operator for the 2M Net will be needed.

10 Meter Report—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, in absentia, that the TechNet is

suffering from non-participation. There was some curious thought, by some, that by limiting the TechNet to a specific sub-topic it would elicit more participation, rather than opening the TechNet to any limitations in possible subject matter (personally I find that counter-intuitive—the wider the possible subjects covered, the wider the participation, if people would choose to participate, rather than treat it like a radio show). The TechNet isn't a TV show documentary. It requires participants to make it a success. We will be experimenting with a TechNet segment in a future episode of the Thursday night Fusion Net.

KC2RC FusionNet—The FusionNet continues to go strong, both locally and through its Wires-X room, FSY and XLX. This month the FusionNet will have a 'cross-promotion' Roy AC2GS, doing a FusionNet edition of the TechNet, later in October.

Old Business: Our most recent VE exam was September 15th—4 Technician license were awarded and three Technicians upgraded to General class licenses. Our next VE Session will be November 17, at 1 PM at Room 6B of The Wesley House 501 Sixth Street, between 7th and 8th Avenue. 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 79 members, our new members for September were Michael KF6WTC, Mark KD2SQF, and Louise!

Our 2019 Fall Club Picnic was a great success, and Joe AC2AE is looking for more social 'Saturday Night Out' events for the club—perhaps this November?

We are still selling Club patches at \$5 a piece and \$1 shipping and handling. You can save the shipping and handling fee by buying them at our monthly meetings.

A Club presence at the upcoming 2020 HRU January 4, 2020 was discussed, involving choosing a size for a club table skirt as well as promotional brochures and pencils, but nothing was definitely decided upon.

Joe AC2AE discussed possible technical lab sessions in Room 6B at Wesley House—soldering, crimping, antenna building, test gear operation, as suggested in a memorandum on the subject by Roy AC2GS. Sunday sessions as well as third Wednesday night sessions were discussed.

The meeting was concluded.

[See you November 6th for our next meeting!](#)

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