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Minutes of the November 6th 2019 KCRC Meeting

Our November “Pre-Meeting Question and Answer Session” was a lively affair, as always.

The monthly meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM, by our President, Joseph AC2AE. Also present at tonight’s meeting were Vice President Simon K2FH, Treasurer Richard KA2KDQ, General Secretary Roy AC2GS, Executive Board Member-At-Large Mitch N2RGA and Berlotte KD2HYF, Howard N2GOT, Frank KD2QPU, Bob KD2NVB, Bill, Daniel W5TAB, Joe N2DEJ, Lloyd K2JVX, Jason KD2LRX, Al KD2QME, Andre KD2SOK, Ralph KD2RN, Jacobo KK6RKA, and Bob W2ZF.

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

Treasurer Report—Richard KA2KDQ, reported that our Treasury currently has \$1,283.76 in our bank account as well as \$86.95 in our PayPal account for a total of \$1,370.71 in assets.

Repeater status was discussed by Joseph AC2AE and Mitch N2RGA - 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 a new XLX server that will allow access by Hotspot on either a DMR radio OR a D-Star radio. Details will become available on our Club Website. A major project going forward is how we might streamline our multiple network options to the least amount of hardware and so, the least cost. When a final optimal hardware configuration is determined the club will revisit the motion to purchase equipment and return the items that our generous members have lent the club during this experimental phase. The recorded human announcer’s repeater announcements will need to be tweaked a bit to limit the background noise and audio artifact currently heard during its analog audio announcements.

2 Meter Report—Richard KA2KDQ reported that the InfoNet suffered a mis-communication SNAFU recently, and would try not to have such things happen in the future. As always, we can still use some alternative Net Control Operators for the Net. Richard KA2KDQ will be retiring and moving to Israel this coming Summer, so we will need a permanent main Net Control Operator to replace his service to our Club.

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 but suffering from a bout of non-participation. The TechNet will live or die, based upon active participation from listeners. The TechNet isn't a TV show documentary. It requires participants to make it a success.

KC2RC FusionNet—The FusionNet continues to go strong, both locally and through its Wires-X room, its YSF Server, and its XLX Server! A planned TechNet special episode on the FusionNet went very well (an archive is available on the TechNet Archive Web page), and the plan is to repeat this in the future.

Old Business: Our next VE exam will be Sunday, November 17th, 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 83 members, our new members for October are Jacobo KK6RKA, Brian KD2SSW, and Jose N2LRB.

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.

Winter Field Day 2020 was discussed. Joseph AC2AE mentioned that we will need to file the proper paperwork, secure generators and heater units, arrange a roster of people planning to attend—operators, build, and take down operations.

The Club will have a Ham Radio University presence this January 4th, 2020. Mitch N2RGA will order a Club desk skirt, as well as some promotional pencils, and will print some club promotional brochures written by Roy AC2GS. If anyone is interested in manning the KCRC table at the HRU please notify Joe AC2AE.

Practical sessions were discussed. A list of possible learning activities was discussed. Our initial plan is to schedule one session every other month on the third Sunday in room 6B of Wesley House, on the months that we do not have a VE Session there. We will need to get this approved by Damian, our Methodist/Episcopal Hospital intermediate. Once we get his approval we will generate a list of planned activities and ask people interested to enter their names in a roster of attendees—to better judge our member's interest in each topic. We may shuffle activities around, or even increase their frequency, IF DEMAND warrants this.

General Meetings for the Club for 2020 were finalized: January 8, 2020; February 5, 2020; March 4, 2020; April 1, 2020; May 6, 2020; June 3, 2020; July 1, 2020; August 5, 2020; September 2, 2020; October 7, 2020; November 4, 2020; December 2, 2020*(Party at Wesley House)

New Business: It is time once again for our annual Membership Dues Drive, for 2020. The website will no longer prorate membership until December 31st—for the usual annual membership dues, all memberships will continue until December 31, 2020. Members will be urged to pay their 2020 membership dues as soon as possible and will be offered free admittance to the annual Holiday Party, along with their own expertly laminated membership card! Emails will mention the appropriate links to pay through PayPal, but members can always choose to mail a check to

our Treasurer Richard KA2KDQ.

Club nominations were requested from members present at the meeting. Those nominated were:

President Joseph AC2AE
Vice President Mitch N2RGA
Treasurer Frank KD2QPU
Secretary Roy AC2GS
Executive-at-large Berlotte KD2HYF, Jason KD2LRX

People are free to nominate other people for these offices during our December General Meeting, after which elections for 2020 executive officers will be done.

Our Holiday Party was discussed. It will be held on December 4th, in room 6B of Wesley House 501 Six Street, between 7th and 8th Avenue, at 8 PM In light of our increasing membership size, it was decided to increase the food for the occasion. Howard N2GOT and Richard KA2KDQ will handle part of the food planned, along with other members. As always members are free to bring food and drink for the party as well.

As has been our practice in the past, everyone who has already paid their 2020 membership dues will have free admission. Those who have not done so, will be charged \$5 each for admittance to the Party.

Joe AC2AE suggested that, in addition to mentioning it within our newsletter as well as the cover email that has our monthly newsletter attached, we should send out a separate email specifically to advise the members about the Holiday Party and to urge them to attend and RSVP Joe AC2AE, so that we have a better idea of the planned attendance.

At 9:45 PM the meeting was concluded.

[See you December 4th for our next meeting and our Annual Holiday Party!](#)

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

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