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Minutes of the October 7th 2020 KCRC Meeting

Our October “Pre-Meeting Question and Answer Session” tabled for WebEx small talk.

The monthly meeting was called to order at 8 PM, by our President, Joseph AC2AE. Also present at tonight’s meeting were Vice President Mitch N2RGA, Treasurer Frank KD2QPU, Secretary Roy AC2GS, Executive-At-Large Board Member Berlotte KD2MY, Howard N2GOT, Richard KA2KDQ, William AC2ZV, Howie KD2MSU, Bob KD2NVB, Glenn N4ESU, Donni W2BRU, Joe K2OL, Nick N2HVR, Adam AD0AM, Cris KD2UCI, Tony NY3R, Joe KD2MLY, Axel KD2OVM, Mart W2MPR, Bob W2ZF, Selvin KB2WON, Dennis N5DWR, and our guests for our meeting, Jim W2KFV, and Tony NY3R.

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

Treasurer Report—Frank KD2QPU reported that our Treasury currently has \$1,616.28 in our bank account as well as \$418.98 in our PayPal account for a total of \$2,035.26 in assets. Frank KD2QPU was able to establish a Club bank account without any minimum requirements nor excessive service charges.

Repeater status was discussed by Joseph AC2AE and Mitch N2RGA - The voice announcements still need to be optimized for the controller’s speech synthesis circuits—this is planned for the next routine maintenance visit to the repeater site. Ryan W4EAE is working to link the South Carolina Wires-X Room to the ‘B’ part of our XLX Gateway (the KC2RC Room occupies the ‘A’ part).

2 Meter Net Report—Glenn N4ESU reported consistent activity on the Net.

10 Meter Report—Joseph AC2AE reported that the 10 Meter Net has approximately 4-5 check-ins each week, due to poor propagation conditions on 10 Meters, these check-ins are local.

KCRC TechNet—Roy AC2GS reported that activity was low at the beginning of the Net, but tended to become more active over time. We still need people to join in with either questions, topics, or their own observations. Jason WF2N has been very busy with his work and the imminent arrival of a new ‘harmonic’ in the family and has asked to be relieved of his duties as co-host of our bi-weekly TechNet. We are asking for anyone that might be interested in this position to contact AC2GS (Bob KD2NVB volunteered to take up the ‘cudgels’ and join the TechNet as its co-host.

Fusion Net Report—Joseph AC2AE reported that the FusionNet has an average of 20 check-ins each week.

Old Business: There is no new information, regarding our VE Sessions. For the time being we are referring

interested parties to the Columbia University VE testing site. We continue to investigate alternative options for our own VE Sessions.

Our Roster has gained two new members Will KD2UQC and John. We have 86 members on our Club Roster.

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 (when they are re-established).

Amendment of the Club Bylaws voted on and passed by a unanimous vote from all members present at the General Meeting.

Mitch N2RGA and Joseph AC2AE mentioned that the Club Picnic went very well and was enjoyed by all those that attended.

New Business: Joseph AC2AE suggested implementing some form of motivation for early dues payments. Axel KD2OVM suggested an option that members could pay for multiple years of membership, for a discount. A three year membership, for a 10% reduction in price was discussed and agreed upon by an impromptu vote of the Executive Board, present at the General Meeting! Modifications will be made to the website, our PayPal site and our Club By-Laws, to reflect this option.

We were informed that our friend Damian from the New York-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital, was no longer working at that facility and that we would be able to return to the hospital or the adjacent Wesley House building even after social distancing rules were terminated. There was discussion from Bob W2ZF of using his Manhattan based offices when social distancing measures were no longer warranted, and Donni W2BRU discussed possibly using NYU Polytech rooms or WeWork rooms. A further investigation of what may be available to us at a nominal or no cost will be investigated.

Joseph AC2AE reminded everyone that the November nominations for members of the Elected Executive Board will be taking place during our next General Meeting on November 4, 2020.

Our guest, ARRL Section Manager Jim W2KFV, requested time during this meeting to present his reasons for being re-elected this year for his present position as ARRL Section Manager for the 2021-2023 term. Ballots will be mailed out by the ARRL early in October—please vote for the candidate of your choice.

The meeting was concluded.

Stay Safe!

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These minutes were respectfully recorded and submitted by Roy AC2GS on this day, October 7th, in the two thousandth and twentieth year of our Lord of Propagation.

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