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“NULLUM BENEFICIUM IMPUNITUM”

Minutes of the August 5th 2020 KCRC Meeting

Our August “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 Members Berlotte KD2MYF, and Jason KD2LRX, Howard N2GOT, Richard KA2KDQ, William AC2ZV, Howie KD2MSU, Bob KD2NVB, Glenn N4ESU, Lloyd K2JVX, Donni W2BRU, Axel KD2OVM, Adam KD2UIJ, Christian K2CVD, Joe KD2MLY, Nick N2HVR, Laura KB2VDV, Ralph KD4RN, and Tony NY3R

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

Treasurer Report—Frank KD2QPU reported that our Treasury currently has \$1,516.94 in our bank account as well as 763.46 in our PayPal account for a total of \$2,280.40 in assets. The future of our Club bank account still remains up in the air—most banks require more documentation and more fees than our present bank account, although that is subject to change at any time. Frank KD2QPU will investigate options available, such as online banks.

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.

2 Meter Net Report—Glenn N4ESU reported consistent activity on the Net, with 10-15 weekly check-ins.

10 Meter Report—Roy AC2GS reported that the 10 Meter Net is doing well, although recent propagation conditions have limited check-ins mostly to local stations. Unfortunately, the recent storm have brought down most of AC2GS’s antennas, so he will not be able to be Net Control Operator for the 10 Meter Net, until repairs can be done.

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. As mentioned previously this isn’t a podcast, or a radio show—it is a technical Net, and requires participation in order to thrive.

Fusion Net Report—Jason KD2LRX reported that the FusionNet sees approximately 21-22 check-ins each week. He is looking for suggestions that might entice listeners to email suggestions for future FusionNet episodes.

Old Business: There is no new information, regarding our VE Sessions. Presbyterian-Methodist Hospital has not re-established offering rooms for our Club. Presently those that show an interest via email are being referred to Columbia Amateur Radio Club, that is still performing VE Sessions, in a socially distancing manner, during this COVID-19 Pandemic crisis.

Our Club presently has 80 members, paid up for 2020. Our new members for July are Scott KD2UIK, and Adam KD2UIJ.

Our Roster has dropped those members that have chose not to pay their 2020 dues. The Club Roster will be emailed to all members in good standing before the next General Meeting.

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 were discussed. The amendment to correct the present dues rate for “members at a distance” had unanimous agreement. It was decided that rather than change the President and Vice President’s term of office, it would be better than to extend the term limitations of these offices by no more than two consecutive years, to no more than three consecutive years. The amendment, regarding honorary Club Memberships, will be the responsibility of the Executive Board, by a majority vote. These amendments were unanimously agreed upon and will be finalized in a later General Meeting. Joseph AC2AE will email a copy of the final proposed By-Laws, in the near future, followed by a vote to accept it.

Mitch N2RGA’s shed needs volunteers to re-organize the Club’s property that has been stored inside of it.

New Business: Joseph AC2AE brought up the fall club picnic. It was thought that we can get by using the old barbecue for this year’s picnic, but should consider a replacement if replacement parts for worn out parts cannot be obtained.

The meeting was concluded.

Stay Safe!

Disclaimer: The views and opinions expressed in this publication are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official policies or positions of the Kings County Radio Club, its Executive Board, nor its General Membership.

These minutes were respectfully recorded and submitted by Roy AC2GS on this day, August 5th, in the two thousandth and twentieth year of our Lord of Propagation.

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