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“NULLUM BENEFICIUM IMPUNITUM”

## Minutes of the April 7<sup>th</sup> 2021 KCRC Meeting

Our April “Pre-Meeting Question and Answer Session” tabled for Zoom based small talk.

The monthly meeting was called to order at 8 PM, by our President, Selvin KB2WON. Also present at tonight’s meeting were Treasurer Frank KD2QPU, Secretary Roy AC2GS, Executive-At-Large Board Members Berlotte KD2MYF, and Jason KD2LRX, Joseph AC2AE, Mitch N2RGA, Howard N2GOT, Richard KA2KDQ, Bob KD2NVB, William AC2ZV, Max KD2VEA, Ralph KD2RN, Joe N2DEJ, Andre W2ART, Victor, Tony NY3R, and our newest member Andy KD2VJT.

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

Treasurer Report—Frank KD2QPU reported that our Treasury currently has \$3,087.81 in our bank account as well as \$491.62 in our PayPal account for a total of \$3,579.43 in assets.

Repeater status was discussed by Joseph AC2AE - 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. Adding additional links to our Wires-X room continues. Work on additional Repeater gateways continue.

2 Meter Net Report—Selvin KB2WON reported consistent activity on the Net. of 10-12 check-ins, weekly, and requests that more members attend this Net.

10 Meter Report—Roy AC2GS reported that the 10 Meter Net is doing well, with mostly local check-ins, and has been going on from 11 AM to approximately 1 PM each Sunday.

KCRC TechNet—Roy AC2GS reported that the TechNet is alive and well, and has picked up in participants and questions asked. Recent TechNet have gone on past 11 PM! We can still accommodate more Net participants, so please try to join us on the 2nd and fourth Wednesdays of every month!

Fusion Net Report—Jason KD2LRX reported that the FusionNet has on average 23-24 check-ins each week, during the past month. He is working on obtaining Net Control Operators for more Western time zones, where participants are still interested in continuing the FusionNet into the late hours. Joseph AC2AE and Jason KD2LRX have greatly expanded their ‘The FusionNet.org’ website, and included an extensive merchandise section, with clothing, caps, mugs, and stickers!

**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. Selvin KB2WON advised us that a Public School IS 35 might be amenable for our VE Sessions as well as our monthly General Meetings, when we are able to meet once again.

We have 92 members on our Roster. Fifty-four members are paid up for 2021 (59%) and nine members are paid up until the end of 2023.

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).

We discussed options for a place for regular meetings after social distancing measures could be eliminated. Selvin KB2WON will arrange a meeting schedule in Public School IS 35, when social distancing guidelines allow.

Field Day 2021 was discussed. In light of the probable unavailability of Floyd Bennet Field this year, Joseph AC2AE discussed the possibility to use a communal are within the grounds of his apartment house. He will discuss this with the apartment management and report back during the next general meeting.

As per Mitch N2RGA's request, a copy of the planned agenda for the general meeting was sent out to all club members, along with a request that those who wished to receive this in future months send Roy AC2GS an email requesting this.

Mitch requested approval for a new shed which would be used to house club property. The vote was unanimous for the purchase. He also requested help with its positioning and installation as well as help with an antenna pole.

**New Business:** Roy AC2GS suggested that we drop from our club roster members that have not yet paid their 2021 dues, effective May 1st. The next email of our newsletter will advise these mamebers that they will be dropped from our mailing list and our roster at that time. Roy AC2GS also mentioned that he will be sending out individual emails to each member in good standing to review the club's information that we have on file and to ask if they want any of their information redacted from the General Membership Rost for 2021. Roy plans to email the 2021 roster in early May.

Three electronic items—a vintage Sears Roadtalker 40 Base Station (CB Radio), , a Wayfearer Sears Model 8227 Multi-Band Short Wave, and a Trilithic 860 DSP Multifunction Interactive Cable Tester, were donated to the club. A reasonable value was set after some discussion, and friends of the club will be offered buy them, if they aren't interested it will be posted on QRZ. The cable tester will be offered to a local Ham that had shown interest in such a device.

Richard KA2KDQ informed us that the following Tuesday, he would be moving to Israel. He promised to return at least a few times a year, for Ham related occasions.

The meeting was closed 9:21 PM, and was followed by an informal general discussion

**Stay Safe Everyone!**

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These minutes were respectfully recorded and submitted by Roy AC2GS on this day, April 7<sup>th</sup>, in the two thousandth and twenty-first year of our Lord of Propagation.

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