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Minutes of the May 5th 2021 KCRC Meeting

Our May "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 Member Berlotte KD2MYF, Joseph AC2AE, Mitch N2RGA, Howard N2GOT, Bob KD2NVB, William AC2ZV, Andre W2ART, Victor, Lloyd K2JVX, and Simon KD2VOT.

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

Treasurer Report—Frank KD2QPU reported that our Treasury currently has \$3,088.06 in our bank account as well as \$693.14 in our PayPal account for a total of \$3,781.2.43 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 more than 12 check-ins, weekly, and requests that more members attend this Net. Selvin will be covered during his upcoming vacation by Joseph AC2AE as Net Control Operator.

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—Joseph AC2AE reported that the FusionNet has on average 24 check-ins each week, during the past month.

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 62 members on our Roster, once the old members that have not yet paid their 2021 dues were removed from the 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).

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. In case Floyd Bennet Field does become available for this year's Filed Day, Mitch K2RGA will post all available information on our Club website, www.KC2RC.com. Please contact Mitch if you would like to help with either set-up, knock-down, or manning the club's Field Day stations!

Mitch plans to set up his shed soon—this will house all of the Club's property. If you would like to assist Mitch with this, please contact him.

Publication of the annual Club Roster has been delayed, pending some expected late membership renewals. It should be emailed out to all club members in good standing sometime this month.

New Business: Victor wanted to discuss the lack of activity on the Club Repeater KC2RC. This is up to each and every member of the Club. Please listen for activity on the Repeater, and try to be available for a response. Repeater activity is generally minimal these day across the 2M and 70cm bands.

The meeting was closed 9:12 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, May 5th, in the two thousandth and twenty-first year of our Lord of Propagation.