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Minutes of the August 4th 2021 KCRC Meeting

Our August "Pre-Meeting Question and Answer Session" was tabled for Zoom based small talk.

The monthly meeting was called to order at 8:08 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, William AC2ZV, Nick N2HVR, Joe N2DEJ, Ralph KD4RN, Victor, and our guest Sean KD2VVA.

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

Treasurer Report—Frank KD2QPU reported that our Treasury currently has \$1,847.99 in our bank account as well as \$400.79 in our PayPal account for a total of \$2,248.78 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 a slight decline in the Net during the summer months, with approximately 8-10 check-ins per week, and requests that more members attend this Net.

10 Meter Report—Roy AC2GS reported that the 10 Meter Net is doing reasonably well, but could use more Club member's participation.

KCRC TechNet—Roy AC2GS reported that the TechNet is alive and well, but participants during the summer months has dwindled to very few. We can still use more Net participants, so please try to join us on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month!

Fusion Net Report—Joseph AC2AE reported that the FusionNet is doing well, but has experienced the same summer slow down as our other Nets. He asked for members to participate in this Net.

Old Business: Roy AC2GS reported that our VE Chairman James KB2FMH is looking into holding our VE sessions at the Sheepshead Bay Knights of Columus. Victor mentioned that he knows members from that facility and will try to contact them as well. 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 67 members on our Roster. We have not had any new members during this past month.

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).

Victor was nominated for the empty position of Club Vice President. Due to the Club By-Laws he would not be eligible until August 8, 2021. Formal elections for Vice president will be held during our next General Meeting in September.

Preliminary discussion of our Fall Club Picnic was held. Joseph AC2AE has volunteered to coordinate the picnic and will return during our next General Meeting to discuss specific dates and expenses.

Finalization of using facilities in IS #35 for Club meetings is still pending. Selvin KB2WON will contact the school and advise us when they will approve club meetings. We hope to offer virtual web based meeting options for those that cannot physically attend our future meetings. All of this will be announced to the general membership when final approval is given by the school.

New Business: Victor suggested that we arrange for Club apparel, and suggested that Joseph AC2AE make suggestions, regarding this.

Victor also suggested that the Club make its presence known at local festivals in the area.

Mitch mentioned that our generator needs to be taken in for repairs under warrantee—Selvin KB2WON volunteered to handle that.

The meeting was closed 9:09 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, September 4^{th} , in the two thousandth and twenty-first year of our Lord of Propagation.