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## Minutes of the October 6<sup>th</sup> 2021 KCRC Meeting

Our September “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, Executive-At-Large Board Member Berlotte KD2MYF, Joseph AC2AE, Howard N2GOT, William AC2ZV, Lloyd K2JVX, Maxim KD2VEA, Ruck K2JAH, Bob KD2NVB, Richard KA2KDQ, and Victor. We had a visitor joining us. Rory Martin/

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

Treasurer Report—Frank KD2QPU reported that our Treasury currently has \$1,848.15 in our bank account as well as \$480.50 in our PayPal account for a total of \$2,328.65 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, hopefully in the next few weeks. A discussion was again held to discuss adding younger members onto the repeater maintenance committee so that we always have members available that are familiar with the repeater’s design and operation AND members more agile for the necessary future improvements. This should be formalized in a future General Meeting. Joseph AC2AE will not be able to host the Wires-X Gateway after this month. He requested that someone within RF range of our repeater house the gateway—a Yaesu FTM-400DR, a 2M antenna, a Yaesu HRI-200 Wires-X Node, and a computer. Anyone interested please contact Joseph AC2AE ASAP. He requested this during last month’s General Meeting and received no offers/ Please if you have a decent signal from the Club’s Repeater, consider taking on this important task!

2 Meter Net Report—Selvin KB2WOM reported that the weekly InfoNet has been experiencing low attendance. If you have the time PLEASE check in to the weekly Club’s InfoNet to show your support for the Club!

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. 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 building back up from the summer doldrums. He asked for members to participate in this Net.

**Old Business:** Joseph AC2AR reported that he had arranged for our annual Fall Club Picnic for October 23, 2021. Catered food will cost the club around \$500. All pertinent details will be available on the Club’s website.

There has been no change, regarding the status of our bi-monthly VE Sessions.

We have 68 members on our Roster. We have had one new members during this past month., Ervin K9NYC

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).

Arrangements for using IS#35 for ou monthly meetings are on hold, pending the Club providing 'a letter of proposal' to the school officers for review. Selvin KB2WON requested that Roy AC2GS compose this document ASAP.

Victor is still looking into alternative venues for Club meetings as well as our bi-monthly VE Exams. So far these places seem to request some remuneration in the way of buying snacks and drink at their dispensary in order to have access to the room. The extent of the required purchase and mechanics of these purchases are unclear, and how a food and snack requirement during a Volunteer Exam session is still not clear. Victor will continue his talks with these organizations and offer more information on our next monthly General meeting.

The in-warrantee generator repair is still pending.

Club apparel was discussed—Victor and Berlotte will assist each other in providing design options for the next General Meeting. Joseph AC2AE has just started a custom apparel business and will provide his expertise as well.

### **New Business:**

Roy AC2GS has been working on adding an EchoLink node our Club repeater KC2RC-R. This EchoLink Node will allow licensed amateur radio operators to access the repeater, in both analog and digital mode from anywhere in the world with Internet access! The final cost to the Club: \$0.00. He requires some help from people manning their radios and Echolink app to make some final checks and make sure that there is no feedback or incorrect audio levels. He requested help earlier in the week, and received no assistance. Members of the General meeting agreed to be on hand the following Saturday at 8 PM to help.

Roy AC2GS suggested that we begin our push for Club members to pay their 2022 dues. Notifications will be included in the next emails to General Club Members. Our website is ready to accept renewals.

Roy AC2GS suggested that we prepare for our upcoming annual executive elections, either using an impromptu Election Committee, or a more informal polling of member's intent to run for one of the offices of the Club.

Our annual Christmas/Hannukah/Kwanzaa/Festivus Party was discussed and due to the volatility of the present pandemic it was decided to cancel this year's party.

The meeting was closed 9:53 PM, and was followed by an informal general discussion

**Stay Safe Everyone!**

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