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Minutes of the November 3rd 2021 KCRC Meeting

Our November “Pre-Meeting Question and Answer Session” ran without any problems.

The monthly meeting was called to order at 8:02 PM, by our Acting President Roy AC2GS . Also present at tonight’s meeting were Treasurer Frank KD2QPU, Executive-At-Large Board Members-At-Large Berlotte KD2MYF, and Jason KD2LRX, Joseph AC2AE, Mitch N2RGA, Joe N2DEJ, William AC2ZV, Glenn N4ESU, Lloyd K2JVX, Joe KD2MLY, Maxim KD2VEA, Bob KD2NVB, Richard KA2KDQ, Laura KB2VDV, Selvin KB2WON, and Victor. We had a visitor joining us, Kenneth.

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

Acting President, Roy AC2GS took some time at the beginning of this meeting to discuss that recently our President Selvin KB2WON had decided to resign his office, immediately. In light of our chronic lack of a Vice-President, Roy accepted the position of Acting President, until our 2022 Elections would select a replacement for the club. Roy urged everyone to become more active in club activities and the governance of the club. More senior members had given a great deal of their time and effort to keep the club strong, but business, family, and health demands have limited their ability to keep the club ‘afloat’ - new members will need to share the work, if we can continue our club, in its present form.

Treasurer Report—Frank KD2QPU reported that our Treasury currently has \$1,313.21 in our bank account as well as \$562.76 in our PayPal account for a total of \$1,875.97 in assets.

Repeater status was discussed by Joseph AC2AE - Recently our repeater became ‘stuck’ in the transmit mode from Friday night until Selvin KB2WON was able to get to the repeater site Saturday afternoon, to turn the repeater off. Our Repeater team Joseph AC2AE and Mitch N2RGA were able to get to the repeater that Tuesday. After resetting the repeater, they were able to return the repeater to its usual state. There wasn’t enough time for the routine maintenance (firmware update, audio file transfers), and that is planned for a future time. Three members volunteered to join the repeater committee—Maxim KD2VEA, Andre W2ART, and Erich KD2VBA. Joseph AC2AE has advised the club that his own business will require him to limit his time with club activities. Mitch N2GOT will mentor and organize the new repeater committee volunteers. Due to the repeater’s recent de-sense problems in inclement weather, we discussed the idea of upgrading our present antenna to something like a CommScope quad folded 2M dipole array:



This model has been very successful for another local club—LIMARC's Glen Oaks repeater. Mitch N2RGA will review the specs, availability and cost and advise the membership during the next General Meeting.

2 Meter Net Report—There has been a fall off in InfoNet participation and we have had a loss of our Net Control Operator (NCO). Unless we can find one member, willing to fill this slot regularly we will institute a temporary plan where Howard KD2MSU will be NCO for the first Tuesday of the month, Joseph AC2AE for the second Tuesday of the month, and Joe N2DEJ (via EchoLink) will be NCO for the fourth Tuesday of the month. This still leaves us with the third Tuesday and the occasional fifth Tuesday of the week. We will return to this problem at our next General Meeting, on December 1st.

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—Jason KD2LRX reported that the FusionNet is building back up from the summer doldrums. He asked for members to participate in this Net. He is looking forward to Zoom based events that will coincide with FusionNet holiday celebrations.

Old Business: Joseph AC2AE reported that our annual Fall Club Picnic, that took place October 23, 2021, had 6 attendees. The limited turnout was likely due to the continuing Covid-19 pandemic and health concerns of our members.

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

We have 68 members on our Roster. We have had no new members 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 in-person meetings (when they are re-established).

Arrangements for using IS#35 are still undetermined. It was decided to delay any in-person meetings until after 2021. Selvin KB2WON will advise us when we receive final approval by school officials and the exact dates and times of the meeting room's availability.

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-warranty generator repair is still pending.

Club apparel was discussed—Victor submitted some ideas for the new design for club apparel. It was thought to be too intricate and had too many colors that would have made the design too expensive for club members. Joseph AC2AE, who is making customized apparel, explained that the design should be simple and the color scheme as simple as possible, to keep the price of customizing the apparel cost effective. Joseph AC2AE will email the executive board some ideas, and any other member is free to offer their suggestions.

Roy AC2GS announced that the EchoLink node is fully operational and capable of working in analog FM and Fusion digital mode as well. Jason KD2LRX has requested that the EchoLink node be turned off during the FusionNet, because EchoLink does not offer digital IDs through the radio. The EchoLink node will be active in two-way mode daily from 9 AM to 11 PM, except on Thursday, when it will be active in two-way mode from 9 AM to 8 PM.

New Business:

Nominations for 2022 were held. Joe KD2MLY was nominated for the office of Club President. He advised members that he would not be able to take on these responsibilities until early 2022, at the soonest. It was decided that final election for President would be withheld until early 2022 and that Roy AC2GS would continue to act as Acting President for a limited part of 2022, with approval by the new Vice-President, who will be elected in December.

Berlotte KD2MYF was nominated for Vice-President.

Victor was also nominated for the office of Vice-President, on the condition that he passes an FCC exam for an amateur radio license prior to elections, since club bylaws do not allow associate members to hold executive office.

Roy AC2GS, Frank KD2QPU and Jason KD2LRX accepted re-nomination to continue their present offices, Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Board Member-At -Large.

Joe N2DEJ was nominated for the office of Executive Board Member-At-Large.

All offices, save for President will be voted on during our next General Meeting on December 1st, 2021.

Our annual Christmas/Hannukah/Kwanzaa/Festivus Party was cancelled this year—feel free to BYO(Virtual)B to the virtual General Meeting/Bacchanalia on December 1st, 2021.

The meeting was closed 9:58PM.

Stay Safe Everyone!

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These minutes were respectfully recorded and submitted by Roy AC2GS on this day, November 3rd, in the two thousandth and twenty-first year of our Lord of Propagation.

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