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Minutes of the December 1st 2021 KCRC Meeting

Our December "Pre-Meeting Question and Answer Session" ran without any problems.

The monthly meeting was called to order at 8:01 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, Nick N2HVR, Howard N2GOT, , and Victor. We had a visitor joining us, Karl KD2YIX.

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

Treasurer Report—Frank KD2QPU reported that our Treasury currently has \$1,313.21 in our bank account as well as \$729.40 in our PayPal account for a total of \$2,042.61in assets.

Repeater status was discussed by Mitch N2RGA - Three club members have volunteered for the Repeater Committee—Maxim KD2VEA, Andre W2ART, and Erich KD2VBA. Mitch will begin training them soon. The committee still needs to arrange an acceptable time for a return to the repeater site, to update the firmware, add the new voice files that Jason obtained from his announcer friend. After the winter thaw we intend to change our antenna to a higher gain CommScope quad folded dipole antenna. Until then the Repeater Committee will plan the logistics of an antenna swap, the mounting and transmission line replacements that will be required, and the short term storage of the antenna when it is available for purchase. A formal General Meeting vote on this project will be held prior to the purchases of supplies.

2 Meter Net Report—In the absence of a regular NCO (Net Control Operator) for this Net, we have instituted a rotating NCO position - Howard KD2MSU will be NCO for the first Tuesday of the month, Joseph AC2AE for the second Tuesday of the month, William AC2ZV for the third Tuesday of the month, and Joe N2DEJ (via EchoLink) will be NCO for the fourth Tuesday of the month. Selvin KB2WON has indicated that he would be interested in returning as the regular NCO for the 2M InfoNet, beginning in January 2022. We will then use the people that have offered to cover for a monthly NCO position as his back-up, should he require one.

10 Meter Report—Roy AC2GS reported that the 10 Meter Net is poorly attended by Club members, and could use more Club member's participation.

KCRC TechNet—Roy AC2GS reported that the TechNet is alive and well, but suffers, as well, from a dearth of Club member participation, 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, on December 23rd.

Old Business: The 2022 Executive Board Elections were held. The only nominee for President Joe KD2MLY stated that he was presently too busy with his job responsibilities to take on the office until perhaps January or February of 2022. Roy AC2GS offered to continue, temporarily, as Acting President, pending election of a Club President, with the approval of the Vice President elected for 2022. Berlotte KD2MLY was nominated for Vice President, Roy AC2GS was nominated for Secretary, Frank KD2QPU was nominated for Treasurer, Jason KD2LRX and Joe N2DEJ was nominated for Executive Board Member-At-Large. All nominations passed by unanimous vote.

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

We have 70 members on our Roster. We have one new member Karl KD2YIX.

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 has advised me that he has received forms that require completion and because this is a city building there will be covid restrictions depending upon the ever changing status of the pandemic. For the time being we probably should plan to continue using Zoom meetings, but ALL members are urged to ask around and see if they have any connections for a well located (with relation to public transport and parking) meeting place that might be amenable to Wednesday night and Sunday afternoon availability, as well as being very inexpensive, or better yet, free!

Victor is still looking into alternative venues for Club meetings as well as our bi-monthly VE Exams. 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—Roy AC2GS and Joseph ac2AE submitted designs for consideration, Joseph AC2AE discussed the many different options that are available (flocking, vinyl, etc.) as well as the different forms of apparel that would be optional. Nothing was ultimately decided, and this venture will continue into 2022.

New Business:

The meeting was closed 9:38PM.

Stay Safe Everyone!

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These minutes were respectfully recorded and submitted by Roy AC2GS on this day, December 1st, in the two thousandth and twenty-first year of our Lord of Propagation.