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Minutes of the February 2nd 2022 KCRC Meeting

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

The monthly meeting was called to order at 8:08 PM, by our Acting President Roy AC2GS. Also present at tonight's meeting were Treasurer Frank KD2QPU, Vice-President Berlotte KD2MYF, Executive Board member-At-Large Joe N2DEJ, Joseph AC2AE, Mitch N2RGA, William AC2ZV, Maxim KD2VEA, Bob KD2NVB, Howard N2GOT, Ralph KD4RN, Axel KD2OVM, Selvin KB2WON, Laura KB2VDV and Victor. We had two visitors, Raymond, and Liliana joining us.

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

Treasurer Report—Frank KD2QPU reported that our Treasury currently has \$2,125.83 in our bank account as well as \$664.54 in our PayPal account for a total of \$2,790.37 in assets.

Repeater status was discussed by Mitch N2RGA - There has been no further work on the Repeater in the past month. A trip to the repeater, for firmware upgrades and downloading the new audio announcements needs to be scheduled. The new members of the Repeater Committee have not yet met with its chairman Mitch N2RGA. Further review of the Diamond 700 antenna lead to the understanding that his would not be the best choice for a new replacement antenna. We plan to purchase and install a CommScope quad folded dipole, as previously discussed. Joseph AC2AE has not been able to pick up the club's FTM-400 so our repeater continues not being connected to the Wires-X Room The FusionNet, and that Net is still not available via our KC2RC repeater.

2 Meter Net Report—Selvin KB2WON reported that the 2 Meter Net was more active than in recent memory, with 16 check in during the most recent Net.

10 Meter Report—Roy AC2GS reported that the 10 Meter Net continues to be 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—Joseph AC2AE reported that the FusionNet was going well, despite it not being accessible thru the KC2RC Repeater, due to failure of his FTM-400 radio, which is out to Yaesu for repairs. The FusionNet.org website is going strong with merchandise offers available.

Old Business: Elections were held for Club president for 2022. Prior to the election Joe KD2MLY removed himself from consideration, leaving Mitch N2RGA the only person running for this office. Mitch N2RGA was elected to the office of Club President by unanimous vote.

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

We have 71 members on our Roster. We have one new member Mo N2YU. We discovered that Tommy KD2KGD, who was an honorary member had moved away from the area and it was decided to discontinue his honorary membership status.

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).

Victor is still looking into alternative venues for Club meetings as well as our bi-monthly VE Exams. Victor will talk to his contacts at St. Dominic Church to see if a room is available, preferably for free. Members are urged to think about possible venues for our club—preferably free, located closer to members in Brooklyn, close to mass transit and low cost parking.

The in-warrantee generator repair is still pending.

Club apparel was discussed—Victor offered another design for club apparel. Members again mentioned that the design needs to be simple (Victors design included a high resolution, full color picture an ARRL logo and a few lines of text). Mitch N2RGA advised Victor that he will be sending him some design suggestions. We will return to this discussion at next month's General Meeting.

New Business: Victor advised the club that he would be trying to arrange a Boy Scout radio activity for a local Boy Scout group and advise us of his progress in th4e months to come.

William suggested that he report monthly on the local Kings County/NYC ARES activities in planning.

Joseph AC2AE suggested that the Club's Night Out get togethers be re-instated. He suggested a local bowling alley in his neighborhood, with the idea that the location might be amenable to allow us to hold club meetings there as well (the costs of such a venue were not well defined, at this point. Joseph AC2AE also suggested that other locations could be elected, instead of the bowling alley. Preferably establishments that did not require mask or vaccination results. Nothing was decided by the end of this General meeting regarding this.

The meeting was closed 9:38PM.

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These minutes were respectfully recorded and submitted by Roy AC2GS on this day, February 2nd, in the two thousandth and twenty-second year of our Lord of Propagation.