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Minutes of the September 1st 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 8:05 PM, by our Secretary, Roy AC2GS, due to our President Selvin’s necessary absence that night. Also present at tonight’s meeting were Treasurer Frank KD2QPU, Executive-At-Large Board Members Berlotte KD2MYF, and Jason KD2LRX, Joseph AC2AE, Mitch N2RGA, Howard N2GOT, William AC2ZV, Nick N2HVR, Laura KB2VDV, Bob W2ZF, Tony NY3R, Richard KA2KDQ, and Victor.

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

Treasurer Report—Frank KD2QPU reported that our Treasury currently has \$1,847.99 in our bank account as well as \$406.13 in our PayPal account for a total of \$2,254.12 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. Mitch N2RGA requested to be relieved of his duties as a member of the repeater technical committee, but decided to reassess his ability to work on the repeater one more time before making his final decision. A de-sense problem has cropped up on our repeater—during heavy rain and or winds, its ability to relay transmissions diminish low enough to be obscured by background noise. Bob W2ZF volunteered to inspect the repeater for possible causes for the de-sensing. A discussion was 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. 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.

2 Meter Net Report—Joseph AC2AE reported that the Club InfoNet was experiencing approximately 10 check-in each week.

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—Jason KD2LRX 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: Nominations for the remaining term for Vice President produced one candidate—Victor. Although the members at the general meeting would have been glad to elect him, a review of the Club’s By-Laws indicated that members without Amateur Radio Licenses are deemed ‘Associate Members’ and not “Full members” and are not eligible for elected offices. Victor was urged to obtain his FCC license, at which time his election would be re-visited.

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

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).

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.

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: .

William AC2ZV suggested a member of the club make instructional videos for items like the NanoVNA—he was advised that these videos, done right, require a lot of time and effort and there are already many such instructional videos on YouTube.

The meeting was closed 9:13 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 1st, in the two thousandth and twenty-first year of our Lord of Propagation.