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Minutes of the July 6th 2022 KCRC Meeting

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

The monthly meeting was called to order at 8:10PM, by our President Mitch N2RGA. Also present at tonight’s meeting were Vice president Berlotte KD2MYF, Secretary Roy AC2GS, Treasurer Frank KD2QPU, Executive-At-Large Joe N2DEJ, Max KD2VEA, Bob KD2NVB, Howard N2GOT, Chris KD2WOT, Andrew AK4GU, William AC2ZV, and our new member Taylor KC9ZOW. We had two visitors, David KD2ZDZ, and Joseph joining us.

The vote to accept the minutes of the May and June meetings were passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report—Frank KD2QPU reported that our Treasury currently has \$2,205.90 in our bank account as well as 295.47 in our PayPal account for a total of \$2,501.37 in assets.

Repeater status was discussed by Mitch N2RGA - There has been no further work on the Repeater, in the past month. Plans for a new Repeater antenna will be tabled until our re-newed Repeater Committee is fully organized, trained, and assessed to be able to handle a new antenna installation. Regular Repeater maintenance and updating the voice files needs to be scheduled. Previously, the Club approved the purchase of a Yaesu HRI-200 so that we could regain our own Wires-X Room “KC2RC Room”. At the time it was thought that we could link our “KC2RC Room” with Joseph AC2AE’s “The Fusion Net Room”, but this is not possible. Mitch N2RGA advised us that for the time being he would handle a manual switch from our Club’s Wires-X Room to Joseph’s “The Fusion Net Room” every Thursday night, and return it to our Club’s Wires-X Room Friday morning.

2 Meter Net Report—None of the rotating NCO’s were available at this time in the Meeting, and so the subject was tabled..

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. It was also mentioned that the newsletter entry, regarding this item has remained unchanged for the past few years.

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! It was also mentioned that the newsletter entry, regarding this item has remained unchanged for the past few years.

Fusion Net Report—None of the rotating NCO’s were available at this time in the Meeting, and so the subject was tabled..

ARES Report—William AC2ZV reported general light activity from ARES this past month.

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

We have 70 members on our Roster. We have three new members David KD2ZOL, Mark KD2ZTF, and Taylor

KC9ZOW. One of our members, John KD2LUC renewed his membership for 2022. 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).

The search for a viable location for our Club's functions (General Meeting and VE Sessions) was discussed. Bob KD2NVB has contacted our previous location owner (Presbyterian-Methodist Hospital) , and will contact them on a monthly basis to see if they will be accepting outside groups to meet on their property. Victor contacted us by email that he is in talks with St. Finbar Church regarding obtaining space for either a meeting place or VE exams, but Victor was not available for this month's General Meeting., to expand on this.

Club apparel discussion was tabled for the foreseeable future, pending a re-establishment of face-to-face meetings and events where a club shirt and hats would be advantageous.

Berlotte KD2MYF reported that our 2022 Field Day was a success! There was a small incident with the public getting too close to our operations, and Berlotte suggested that we cordon off a wider area for next Field Day.

Howard N2GOT mentioned that, as requested during our June Meeting, our Club's Repeater call sign, KC2RC has been renewed and will not require further maintenance until May 30, 2032

New Business: Roy pointed out that our October General meeting was scheduled for October 5th, which is on the Jewish Holiday of Yom Kippur. It was chosen to reschedule it for Monday night, October 10th at 7 PM, and Berlotte KD2MYF was advised to reschedule our Zoom Meeting accordingly.

Mitch recorded on the status of our Club's website's server—it has recently been victim of a 'root attack' designed to turn it into one of many bots used to spam and attack other sites on the Internet. Mitch had to purchase a new server, and some new protective software to lessen the risk of any further root attack. He has also experienced problems with his local back-up server, and will try to replace the faulty parts, but it may require purchasing a replacement computer.

Roy asked if our membership enrollment process could indicate the need to continue past the application form to a page where they would either use PayPal or know to send our Treasurer a check for their dues. Mitch N2RGA modified the application page to make this more obvious.

The meeting was closed 8:50 PM.

Stay Safe Everyone!

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These minutes were respectfully recorded and submitted by Roy AC2GS on this day, July 6th, in the two thousandth and twenty-second year of our Lord of Propagation.

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