

# THE NEWSLETTER OF THE KINGS COUNTY RADIO CLUB

KCRC



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## Minutes of the April 2016 KCRC Meeting, April 6th, 2016

The monthly meeting was called to order at 8 PM, by our President, Howard N2GOT. Also present at tonight's meeting were Vice President Gary N2WGR, Treasurer Richard KA2KDQ, General Secretary Roy AC2GS, Executive Board Member at Large Mitch N2RGA, and Jack KC2MGY. We were joined for this meeting by some new visitors—Robert KD2JMV, Lloyd KD2JVA, Nick AC2SE and Daniel. Our new visitors were welcomed by our President Howard N2GOT.

A motion was presented to accept the Minutes of the March Meeting, and was passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report—Our Treasury currently has \$1,882.00 in assets. We currently have 20 members who have paid their 2016 Membership Dues!

10 Meter Report—Reported in absentia, that the 10 Meter Net has moderate attendance, continued poor propagation has limited most check-ins to mostly the Metropolitan area.

2 Meter Report—Richard KA2KDQ reported 8-10 participants for the Net.

Old News: Our next VE Session is scheduled for May 22nd, 2016 at Methodist Hospital, at 1 PM. There was a continuing discussion regarding expanding the number of VE volunteers, coordinating their effort via email, and having a “back up” VE Liaison officer to take the place of Ed W2DEV, who will be moving soon, to Virginia. Any member or friend of the Club with an Extra License is urged to consider becoming a VE (it is quite easy, and we are ready to assist anyone interested).

Members are once again urged to pay their dues for 2016. Membership dues become due on January 1st of the year. It is hoped that more members could take the time to either use PayPal or send off a check to our Treasurer Richard KA2KDQ to pay their 2016 dues!

Our Vice President Gary N2WGR is putting the finishing touches on the Club Roster, which will be emailed to members in good standing.

Our Web Master Mitch N2RGA will post a Club Roster with more limited information, once Gary N2WGR releases the master Roster.

Once again, please pay your 2016 dues, so that you will be included in these rosters (as well as continue to receive these exciting Club Minutes)!

Work progresses on further hardware upgrades to our Club Repeater, in order to make it a more enjoyable experience for all users. Mitch N2RGA has been working very hard on the Repeater. He has made numerous

visits to repair the fallen antenna as well as tweak the controller. Work continues and we all thank Mitch for all of his hard work!

The general problem and nuisance of local jammers was discussed and the membership was reminded that the Hudson Division of the ARRL as per Mike Lisenco N2YBB has a web site to file reports of local jamming! The web site for this can be found at [hudson.arrl.org](http://hudson.arrl.org) .

Field Day was discussed, broadly, and the membership was reminded of the surprising fact that it is only a little more than two months away!

New Business: Gary N2WGR informed the membership that the King County ARES group would be sponsoring a SKYWARN training class in Brooklyn on June 8th, 2016 from 7PM to 10PM at Brookdale University Hospital. For more information go to: [kingscountyares.com/events/2016/06/skywarn-class/](http://kingscountyares.com/events/2016/06/skywarn-class/) .

We wrapped up the formal meeting and switched into an informal question and answer session that lasted until 10PM. It was considered such a successful feature that it was decided to institute a new option for interested new hobbyists to schedule a pre-meeting session at 7:00 PM for an opportunity for an informal question and answer session. (The front page of the Club's web site has been changed to reflect this new offer by the time you are reading this!) The general membership was asked to consider other venues that we could offer help to new hobbyists that will not require too much effort on the new hobbyist's part.

#### Good and Welfare

Howard K2IGJ is convalescing at home after an operation. Juan KC2QNK is receiving physical therapy at Chapel Hill. KCRC members wish them, both, a speedy recovery.

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

(AC2GS would like to thank all the people that maintain the program and the keyboard used to type these minutes, as well as the nice guy that pays for the gas heat, so that AC2GS was nice and warm during this exercise.)