

# THE NEWSLETTER OF THE KINGS COUNTY RADIO CLUB

KCRC



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## Minutes of the January 2016 KCRC Meeting, January 12th, 2016

The monthly meeting was called to order 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, Executive Board Member at Large, Howard K2IGJ, Zac KD2FLL, Ettiene, Jack KC2MGY, and a new visitor Gene, planning to attend our January 31st VE Session to obtain his Technician's License. Our President welcomed our new visitor, Gene, as well as our new Executive Office holders.

**Treasurer Report**—Our Treasury currently has \$2,316.11 in assets. Mitch N2RGA announced that a recent sale from WW2W's (SK) donated estate netted the Club an additional \$45.

**10 Meter Report**—Reported in absentia, that the 10 Meter Net has good attendance, but recent poor propagation has limited most check-ins to the Metropolitan area.

**2 Meter Report**—Richard KA2KDQ reported a good attendance to the Net and an excellent signal from our new Repeater.

**Old News:** Our next VE Session is planned for January 31st. Net Control Operators were urged to publicize this on their Nets. It was suggested that we firmly schedule the next following VE Session before January 31st, so that exam takers can be told when they can return to either try again, or upgrade their license to one with more privileges. Club members that have Extra class privileges were urged to become Volunteer Examiners and help their fellow Club Members during VE Sessions. Vice President Gary N2WGR volunteered to join the VE committee!

The General Membership was urged to pay their 2016 membership dues AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Members can pay in person, by mail or PayPal. All the details are posted on the club website [www.KingsCountyRadioClub.com](http://www.KingsCountyRadioClub.com). All members of the Executive Board were urged to make sure that their membership with the ARRL has not lapsed, since we are an ARRL affiliated Club. Two recent successful exam takers have joined our Club: Gabe W2KJQ and Andrew K2AAT. We look forward to seeing them at a future Club meeting. Our mailing for new members was a success and it was decided to arrange another mailing of new Amateur Radio Licensees granted between September to December 2015 in the Metropolitan area. The data will be collated by Roy AC2GS and the mail merge, and mailings will be done by Mitch N2RGA. The General Membership is urged to keep their listed email addresses up to date and to try to respond to Club matters in a timely manner. A Roster of Members was again discussed. It was decided that a Club webpage should list a simple table of Club member's call signs. A more detailed club Roster with names and email addresses and other information will be emailed to the General Membership, in good standing.

Roy AC2GS reported that the Newsletter is dead, (“ This Newsletter is no more! He has ceased to be! 'E's expired and gone to meet 'is maker! 'E's a stiff! Bereft of life, 'e rests in peace! If you hadn't nailed 'im to the perch 'e'd be pushing up the daisies! 'Is metabolic processes are now 'istory! 'E's off the twig! 'E's kicked the bucket, 'e's shuffled off 'is mortal coil, run down the curtain and joined the bleedin' choir invisible!! THIS IS AN EX-Newsletter!! ”), RIP. Other members urged that if there was not enough material to warrant a monthly publication, perhaps a quarterly one could be considered. Roy AC2GS advised that if other members volunteered enough material to make up a third of a Newsletter, he would be glad to provide the other two thirds to provide a new edition of the Newsletter. Roy AC2GS advised the General Membership that he will be supplying all members with a copy of the monthly minutes of Club Meetings (that’s what you are reading right now!).

New Business: Due to a scheduling conflict, we will not be able to schedule our monthly Club meetings at the New York Methodist Hospital on the second Tuesday of each month. It was decided to shift over to the first Wednesday of every month until further notice. All club members will be advised personally of this change, as well as it being publicized on our Club Nets and website.

Additional equipment for our Club Repeater was discussed and authorization was passed unanimously for an expenditure of approximately \$700, for the necessary equipment that will allow our Repeater to be a more professional, flexible and enjoyable one.

Regarding our Club Repeater, our check to Metrocor, to modify our Repeater’s listing to be labeled as KC2RC, was cashed in December 2015, and we will be contacting Metrocor to expedite the change in our Repeater listing. Electioneering on our regularly scheduled Club Net Meetings was discussed, and it was generally agreed that members are free to do this BEFORE or AFTER scheduled Club Net meetings, but this should not be part of the Club Net Meetings themselves (if someone wishes to set up a Republican Party Net, or even an anti-abortion male stripper candidate of the United States Marijuana Party Net, I am sure that this would be acceptable to all involved.)

Vice President Gary, N2WGR wanted to inform his fellow Club members of a well regarded software program, FLDIGI, which is extremely useful for many types of Amateur Radio digital modes and used with great success by our local ARES group.

Field Day was discussed—it was decided to continue with Floyd Bennett Field as before and Etienne advised us that we might have access to loan the Army Signal Corp’s field supplies.

The meeting was closed at 9:30 PM, and judged to be a very productive one.

- These minutes were respectfully recorded and submitted by Roy AC2GS on this day, January 17th, 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.)*