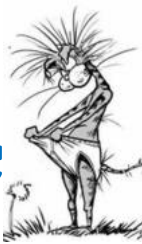


# THE NEWSLETTER OF THE KINGS COUNTY RADIO CLUB

KCRC



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## Minutes of the June 2016 KCRC Meeting, June 1st, 2016

The monthly meeting was preceded by a “Pre-Meeting Questions and Answer Session” that has lately been implemented by the KCRC Executive Committee. This session was judged a success and we will, hopefully, have many more such activities in the future.

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 Members at Large Mitch N2RGA, and Howard K2IGJ, Gene KD2FX, Milen N2NYU, Robert KA2FXR, Steve W2GOP, and Daniel KD2LFR. Joining us today were Zalmy KD2KYZ, and our newest member Berlotte.

A motion was presented to accept the Minutes of the May Meeting, and was passed by all but one vote.

Treasurer Report—Our Treasury currently has \$1,835.39 in assets. We have two new members this month—Milen N2NYU, and Berlotte.

10 Meter Report—Reported in absentia, that the 10 Meter Net, last week, experienced exceptional propagation with check ins from such places as Oshkosh Wisconsin, Goldsboro North Carolina, Davenport Ohio, Sylvania Georgia, Pontiac Michigan, to name just a few!

2 Meter Report—Richard KA2KDQ reported 10-12 participants for the Net.

Old News: Our most recent VE Session on May 22nd, 2016 was a great success! Two Technician class license holders were able to upgrade to a General license, and 7 new Technician license were awarded this session. Our next VE Session is scheduled for July 31st, 2016 at Methodist Hospital, at 1 PM. The subject of ways of improving our VE Sessions even more were discussed, although no definitive decisions were made at this time. The club would very much like to hear from any club members or non-club members who would like to be involved in our VE Sessions in the future!

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!

Plans for our Club Roster to me emailed to all members in good standing are still to be finalized. A summary of members in good standing have been posted on the club’s website. If you aren’t listed and you are paid up for 2016 please contact our treasurer Richard KA2KDQ. If you aren’t listed because you haven’t paid your 2016 dues PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES!

Work progresses on the club repeater - The pre-amp was sent to the manufacturer for in warranty repairs and a

new linear power supply was purchased for the final power amplifier. Both the pre-amp and the final amplifier are now operating up to their published specifications. The suggested power capacity of an emergency deep cycle lead acid battery was discussed and the value of a “battery booster” to insure against suboptimal voltage getting to the electronic equipment was discussed. No definitive choice for a courtesy tone has been decided on and it was decided to give the general membership more time to consider this option. More work needs to be done with macros, timed announcements, and voice recording levels. Mitch N2RGA received a spontaneous round of applause for the exceptional service he has taken upon himself in the maintenance and improvement of the club repeater!

Field Day was discussed, A need to prepare a definitive list of items and services required to put this years Field Day were discussed and the club’s website will be used as the definitive reference of the progress of this, as it develops.

In light of the problems with inclement weather last year, the option to find another venue for future Field Days was again discussed, without a definitive conclusion. Howard N2GOT suggested that we consider the option of cancelling Field Day if weather or other factors limit its effectiveness too severely. Again, it was suggested that the current status of the Field Day activities should be maintained on our club’s website.

At 9:45 PM the meeting was concluded.

These minutes were respectfully recorded and submitted by Roy AC2GS on this day, June 1st, in the two thousandth and sixteenth year of our Lord of Propagation...

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### News Bytes

The new ARRL podcast, “The Doctor Will See You Now!” has a new episode, “All About Baluns”.

Dayton Hamvention General Chairman believes that the 2016 Hamvention attendance was up slightly from 1st year.

A signal was “bounced” off of the ISS across the Atlantic Ocean!

ARRL “Strongly Supports” the petition to drop the 15 dB restriction for Amateur amplifiers.

...and on a personal note, from your Secretary General,

# “Enjoy Field Day!”

(AC2GS would like to thank all the people that maintain the program and the keyboard used to type these minutes.)

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