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KCRC



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Minutes of the May 2016 KCRC Meeting, May 4th, 2016

The monthly meeting was called to order at 8 PM, by our President, Howard N2GOT. Also present at tonight's meeting were Treasurer Richard KA2KDQ, General Secretary Roy AC2GS, Executive Board Members at Large Mitch N2RGA, and Howard K2IGJ, Niko KD2IVF, and Daniel. Joining us today was Robert, KD2JMV.

Howard K2IGJ was welcomed back to this meeting, after his convalescence.

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

Treasurer Report—Our Treasury currently has \$1,880.11 in assets. We have one new member this month—Daniel.

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 6-9 participants for the Net.

Old News: Our next VE Session is scheduled for May 22nd, 2016 at Methodist Hospital, at 1 PM.

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 were put on hold pending its completion by Vice President Gary, N2WGR, which will be emailed to members in good standing when it is available.

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

Work progresses on further hardware and software 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. Different fine touches were discussed that will be implemented over time. A list of courtesy tones will be posted on our web site and members will be able to pick their favorite ones. Emergency power options for our Repeater were discussed and Mitch N2RGA will review the prices for a 50-60AH deep cycle batteries for a further discussion at our next monthly meeting.

Field Day was discussed, Jennifer, over at Floyd Bennet Field, has been notified of our intentions to operate there during this year's Field Day.

We recently instituted 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!) Net control operators for the 2 Meter and 10 Meter Nets were urged to inform all participant and listeners of this new feature.

Goods and Welfare

Juan KC2QNK is receiving physical therapy at Cobble Hill, and is expected home very soon. KCRC members wish him a speedy recovery.

These minutes were respectfully recorded and submitted by Roy AC2GS on this day, May 4th, in the two thousandth and sixteenth year of our Lord of Propagation...

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News Bytes

The ARRL began a new Podcast, "The Doctor Will See You Now!", recorded bi-weekly. Topics like the range of CW vs SSB, and the operation of quarter wave verticals are covered. It's available on itunes and you can find it by "Googling" the podcast's name.

The FCC is pondering a decision of modifying its "Symbol Rate" policy for data transmission.

RFinder—the successful Repeater List, will be offering a feature to issue complaints of jammers on the radio bands.

The FCC invites comments on a petition to eliminate the 15dB gain limit on amateur linear amplifiers.

Kings County ARES will be hosting a SKYWARN certification class on Wednesday evening June 8th, 7:00pm - 10:00pm at Brookdale University Hospital, 1 Brookdale Plaza, Brooklyn, NY 11212.

The training session is FREE and will cover fundamental information that every spotter needs to know, with a focus on safety, identification of key weather features and proper reporting procedures.

Contact Bob Jordan (KD2BQM@arrl.net) for further details.

Spread the word!

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

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