

# THE NEWSLETTER OF THE KINGS COUNTY RADIO CLUB

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## Minutes of the November 2016 KCRC Meeting, November 2nd, 2016

The monthly meeting was preceded by a shortened edition of the “Pre-Meeting Questions and Answer Session”.

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 Member at Large Mitch N2RGA, Milen N2NYU, Andy WA2GDS, Howard K2IGJ, and Simon KD2LQE. Joining us, as our guests were Simon’s son Ryan, and Richard’s delightful mother (I believe that Richard calls her Mom).

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

Treasurer Report—Richard KA2KDQ, reported that our Treasury currently has \$1,024.92 in assets in our bank account. Mitch N2RGA reports a zero account in our Club PayPal account. We have one new member this past month—Aly KD2MBV, and our second 2017 dues payment by Andy WA2GDS!

10 Meter Report—Our Net Control operator, Milen N2NYU reported generally poor propagation conditions limiting distant communications, but we have a healthy number of local check-ins and our Net entertains a healthy amount of technical discussions. Milen is looking into improving his 10 Meter signal, and discussed asking a “Friend Of The Club” George KD2FIU, a 10 Meter Net regular, if he would be interested in acting as Net Control Operator on some Sundays?

2 Meter Report—Richard KA2KDQ reported that the 2 Meter Net was doing well.

Old News: our most recent VE Session was held October 23rd. Five examinees participated. We were able to award two Technician licenses, and upgrade one Tech to a General class, and another to the Extra Class. This past session ran quicker than in recent memory, with the help of our new VE, Milen N2NYU. Our next VE Session will be December 18th at 1 PM. Please keep up to date with VE information by following posts on the club website: [www.kingscountyradioclub.com/ve-team](http://www.kingscountyradioclub.com/ve-team). A possible cross promotion with the NYC ARES VE Group was discussed and will be investigated by Roy AC2GS. The Club is always looking for new VE’s to join our VE Sessions, as well as assistant and/or co-Liaison VE Officers. For ANY interested individuals please contact any Executive Member of the Club, or the return email address that includes these emails of our Club Meeting’s minutes. People took time out of their busy lives to help get you licensed - pass on the favor!

Repeater work progresses. Mitch N2RGA reported that the controller is back in its upgraded form BUT the analog to digital lock ups appear to be due to the Yaesu DR-1X Repeater, and it will need to be shipped back to Yaesu for evaluation and repair. Howard N2GOT will attempt to find another active Repeater in the area to act as our outlet during this downtime, but in a pinch we may decide to transmit simplex on our Repeater’s allocated frequency. Keep tuned for future announcements!

It was mentioned that the local Frequency Allocation Committee, Metrocor, now has our Repeater listed correctly with its present callsign as KC2RC.

The new Club QSL Cards were displayed, to great response. Requests were made for a Club member to be in charge of storage, distribution, and mailing of our Club QSL Cards, and Richard KA2KDQ graciously offered to perform this service.

Nominations for 2017 elected positions were held. Mitch N2RGA was nominated for President, Richard KA2KDQ was nominated for Treasurer, Roy AC2GS was nominated for Secretary (there was one comment that AC2GS would be “doomed” to this position for the foreseeable future of KCRC), Milen N2NYU and Howard K2IGJ were nominated for Executive Board Members, at Large. The position for Vice President was tabled until December, due to our Vice president, Gary’s absence. Elections will be held at our next meeting, on December 7th 2016.

Field Day was touched upon briefly. Howard suggested that there might be other options within the grounds of

Floyd Bennett field, and that he will speak to their representatives to ascertain if we have any new options. Howard also remarked that he would like to see a larger turnout of Field Day operators, and Mitch suggested that we consider a better antenna solution, perhaps an Alpha-Delta DX-CC multiband dipole.

Our 2016 Holiday Party was discussed. It will be held December 7th at 8 PM. Admission is free to all dues paying members and \$10 for each additional guest. Mitch is REALLY interested in getting RSVPs from those intending to celebrate with us. An update on the Holiday Party will be kept on our Club Website, [www.KingsCountyRadioClub.com](http://www.KingsCountyRadioClub.com). Please keep an eye on that site and advise Mitch if you will be attending and if you intend to bring something for the Party.

2016 is drawing to a close (where does the time go?), and it is time to think about your dues for 2017. We all would appreciate it if members could send in their dues BEFORE New Years. The easiest way is through PayPal, using our website, but those who like the old ways can just send a check off to our Treasurer Richard KA2KDQ!

Richard KA2KDQ wanted people to know that he, Howard N2GOT as well as Simon KD2LQE would be participating in the New York City Marathon, assisting in communications efforts.

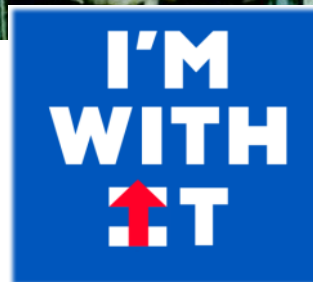
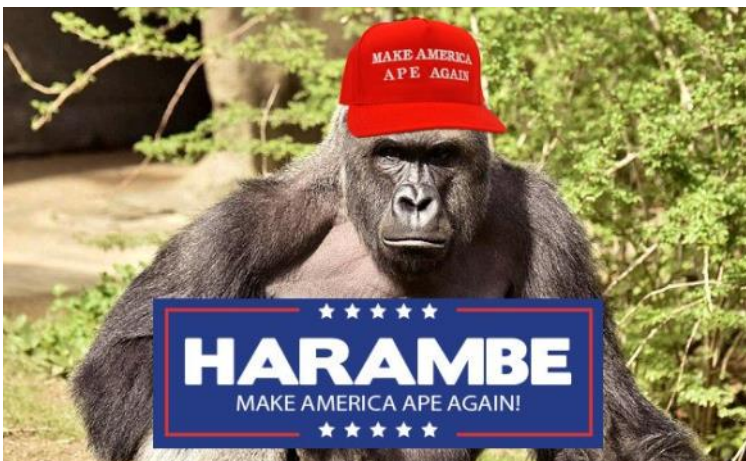
At 9:00 PM the meeting was adjourned.

After the meeting, the group, tired of the 2016 Election Season, discussed their favorites for the upcoming 2020 Presidential Election Season. Some spoke passionately for the campaign for the late but great Harambe (he never told a lie, either), while others were cautiously supporting that chicken in Chinatown that brilliantly plays tac-tac-toe. All present, though, promised not to electioneer for their candidates on the weekly club Net.

## “VOTE EARLY AND VOTE OFTEN”

...or the terrorists win

(That's a joke son, I say that's a joke.)



See ya all back here December 7th for our Holiday Party & Meeting!

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These minutes were respectfully recorded and submitted by Roy AC2GS on this day, November 2nd, 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 those that supply his food and shelter.)

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