

# THE NEWSLETTER OF THE KINGS COUNTY RADIO CLUB

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## Minutes of the August 2016 KCRC Meeting, August 3rd, 2016

The monthly meeting was preceded by a “Pre-Meeting Questions and Answer Session”. This month’s session centered around FM Repeater technology and practices, and appeared helpful to its participants. (If anyone has any ideas for expanding similar technical sessions into different, approachable venues, we would be interested in hearing your ideas! The idea is to find a venue for the greatest number of curious, interested participants—we will handle the guys (hopefully) with the answers.)

The monthly meeting was called to order at 8 PM, initially by our Vice President, Gary N2WGR. Also present at tonight’s meeting were President Howard N2GOT, Treasurer Richard KA2KDQ, General Secretary Roy AC2GS, Executive Board Members at Large Mitch N2RGA, and Howard K2IGJ, Milen N2NYU, Daniel W5TAB, and Niko KD2IVF. Joining us for the first time were brand new members Dan KC2TRX, and Simon, whose callsign has not been issued yet (any day now). Joining us, as a guest was Jeremy KB1REQ

Milen N2NYU was commended upon his attainment of his Extra license (from lthis past weekend’s VE Session). Don KC2TRX and Simon were welcomed as new members of our club!

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

Treasurer Report—Richard KA2KDQ, reported that our Treasury currently has \$1,831.34 in assets in our bank account. Mitch N2RGA reports a surplus of \$107.70 in our Club PayPal account. We have three new members this month—Dan KC2TRX, Simon Wurster (callsign pending), and Howard Rogoff!

10 Meter Report—Net Control Operator Juan KC2QNK reported that poor propagations have made distant check-ins nearly impossible, additionally, the recent Sussex Hamfest absented some usual check-ins from the Net, but we are all hoping for better propagation and more check-ins in the coming weeks. Club members with the ability to operate on 10 meters are urged to come by and check in—it’s at 28.380MHz at 11 AM on Sunday morning!

2 Meter Report—Richard KA2KDQ reported that the 2 Meter Net was doing well, and was consistently experiencing on average a dozen check-ins each week. Club members with 2 Meter FM ability are urged to join us on the 2 Meter Net, if only to say their ‘hellos’ and support the Club and its Nets.

Old News: This past Sunday we had a very successful club sponsored VE Session. We had 7 participants and we were able to award our own Milen N2NYU his Extra license, our new Member Simon his new Technician license (callsign pending) as well as two General licenses. The Club would like to thank our VE Liaison Officer John WK2J as well as VE Examiners Jay W2CSS and Roy AC2GS. Our next Club sponsored VE Sessions is planned for September 18th at 4PM. 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) . 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 get you licensed - pass on the favor!

Repeater work progresses. Mitch N2RGA is planning on working on the Repeater this Sunday August 7th at 9AM. Mitch intends to be performing some work on installing a secondary antenna, a secondary radio and more control cables. We have recently purchased these items for this installation. These improvements should make the Repeater experience even better! Please contact Mitch if you would like to help with the installation - no need for technical expertise, we just need some extra arms and legs.

The Club discussed a recent incident where a Club member purchased a supply of QSL Card material on behalf of the club and presented his bill to the Treasurer. A vote was taken to reimburse the individual, but he will be cautioned that any Club expenditures must to approved by the Executive Board of the Club, and any further

expenditures not approved by the Club will NOT be reimbursed in the future. The general topic of a Club QSL was discussed, and it was the general consensus that the Club should put its "best foot forward" and design a more creative full color glossy QSL card. Mitch N2RGA has already started work on a design, and will bring a sample to the September Meeting for a vote. If anyone has any design ideas please contact Mitch N2RGA, or Roy AC2GS, or bring whatever you have to the next meeting for evaluation.

The Club commended Milen N2NYU for having his Field Day letter read on the nationally known netcast HamNation by George Thomas W5JDX. The Club received two additional promotional mentions from Gordon West WB6NOA on two separate HamNation netcasts.

We again asked our general members to consider methods of offering technical Questions and Answers in a venue that would attract as many curious and interested individuals as possible. We also urged our general membership to consider topics for consideration for Club Presentations - either subjects that they would be willing to give as well as subjects that they don't feel can be addressed during our monthly Technical Question and Answer Pre-meeting Sessions.

Field Day is always a topic of discussion. We plan to have it again at Floyd Bennett Field, but at this early point we will take any ideas of alternative locations for consideration.

New Business: The Club's Annual Picnic is planned for September 25<sup>th</sup> at Manhattan Beach. Mitch N2RGA will set up a page on our club website to keep everyone up to date as information becomes available. Anyone offering to help in the picnic planning can contact Mitch and go to the picnic club website.

The KCRC Website has been moved to a new, faster server, that should speed up downloads and generally run much "snappier" than before. Mitch N2RGA, as our club Web Wizard oversaw this transition. Thanks again Mitch!

The fact that the USS Intrepid has a Radio Room that is operated with Hams from Pennsylvania, rather than New York Hams was discussed. Apparently earlier in the history of the KCRC we attempted to have a presence on the Intrepid but it never "came together".

Gary N2WGR presented an excellent summary regarding the Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015-2016, regarding the modifications made to the wording and the unknown future interpretations of the exact wording in future legal situations. We appreciate the time and effort that Gary put into the presentation.

At 9:50PM the meeting was adjourned.

See ya all back September 7<sup>th</sup> for our next monthly meeting!

These minutes were respectfully recorded and submitted by Roy AC2GS on this day, August 2nd, in the two thousandth and sixteenth year of our Lord of Propagation...



*"A ham - pod?"*

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

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