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## Minutes of the January 2017 KCRC Meeting, January 4th, 2017

Our January “Pre-Meeting Question and Answer Session” was joined by a new member of the Club, Joseph KD2MLY and a new visitor Steve - We engaged in a diverse series of topics, which we hope were beneficial to those that that participated. As our group was talking about “magnetic loop antennas”, a well known podcast, HamNation was broadcasting a review of Chameleon’s line of magnetic loop antennas—great minds think alike!

The monthly meeting was called to order at 8 PM, by our new President, Mitch N2RGA. Also present at tonight’s meeting were Vice President Howard N2GOT, Treasurer Richard KA2KDQ, General Secretary Roy AC2GS, Executive Board Member at Large Howard K2IGJ, Simon KD2LQE, Andy WA2GDS, our newest Club member Joseph KD2MLY, and a new visitor Steve, who is planning to take his Tech license during our next VE Session on January 22nd.

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

Treasurer Report—Richard KA2KDQ, reported that our Treasury currently has \$884.65 in assets in our bank account, and \$120 in our Club PayPal account. We have two new members this past month—Joseph KD2MLY, and an old Club member Shawn N2DXT, who we all happily welcome back!. We presently have 50 Club Members, and 50% of our members have paid their 2017 dues! (Please pay your 2017 dues, if you haven’t yet—either by PayPal thru the website, or by a check to our Treasurer Richard KA2KDQ).

2 Meter Report—Richard KA2KDQ reported that the 2 Meter Net was doing well, with a very well attended session the other day of 15-20 check-ins.

10 Meter Report—Our Net Control operator, Milen N2NYU was away on his well deserved vacation, but Roy AC2GS reported that there has been a small group on the 10 Meter Net of 5 attendees in the past few weeks. Although lightly attended, the discussions were technical in nature and enjoyed by the participants. Hopefully now that the Holiday Season has and gone, we will be having better attendance at the 10 Meter Nets. If you can put out a 10 Meter signal, please consider checking into our weekly Sunday 10 Meter Net and participating in it with us!

Old News: Our most recent VE Session was December 18th. We had six examinees—three people earned their Technician class license, one upgraded her (yes a YL!) Technician license to General class, and our own James KB2FMH has earned his Extra class license and is planning to get his VE credentials and joining us on “the other side of the desk” to help proctor the Volunteer Exams! We all look forward to James joining us in this rewarding endeavor. We have arranged for a series of bi-monthly VE Sessions for January, March, May, July, September, and November in 2017. The specific dates will be posted on the Club’s Website. 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 for 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 Repeater will be getting a firmware update in the near future. A local Long Island Radio Amateur has volunteered to give our Repeater a routine check, to see if the duplexer is well tuned and that no receiver desensing is happening. He is a well respected Ham, with many decades of experience both professionally and as a Ham, who has maintained some of the most busy Repeaters in the Metropolitan area. Soon, when his work allows, he will join Mitch N2RGA at the repeater site.

We are cross promoting our VE Sessions with the local ARES VE Sessions. What this entails is that the usual handout given to all VE examinees at the end of their KCRC Sponsored VE test, (these handouts include helpful information about their new hobby and the Kings County Radio Club) will now include information about the local ARES group as well. The ARES VE group will be distributing this same handout as well to their test

candidates.

The subject of our unrecovered Club QSL cards was discussed. Our ex-member Juan KC2QNK has not responded to all attempts to contact him. The Executive Board will pursue other avenues to contact him and obtain the Club's property back.

Field Day was discussed and Mitch N2RGA opined a great need for additional antennas that can be quickly raised and lowered and that will give our Club's Field Day a greater presence.

New Business: Roy AC2GS announced some new Website tweaks. Recently we have been receiving questions from curious people interested in knowing how they might get a license, as well as newly licensed people in the hobby that felt a bit inundated by a lot of new information. The additional web pages are designed to address these concerns from new visitors as they are attracted to our burgeoning website.

Starting January 11th there will be a new Technical Net sponsored by the Kings County Radio Club, appearing on the KC2RC Repeater 146.730MHz on the second Wednesday of each month, at 9 PM. It will be hosted by Roy AC2GS and Milen N2NYU and will be open to any and all questions related to Amateur Radio. We will offer answers as best we can, and invite others to offer their facts and opinions as well. There is NO SUCH THING AS A DUMB QUESTION. Questions are the route to knowledge—it is the first step on that journey. If the Technical Net is well attended and active we may expand its frequency and scope or offer other specialized Nets for the audience to interact with and enjoy. On the other hand, if all we hear are silence and the sound of winter crickets, well not all experiments are successful. Please support this effort!

Ham Radio University will be this coming Sunday—January 8th. For more information check out [hamradiouniversity.org](http://hamradiouniversity.org)

Mitch N2RGA spoke of his wish that we could organize a class to teach a Technician Class Exam Course, to prepare people for their Technician exam. The resources required for such an endeavor as well as the unknown demand for such a service in our area was discussed. If you have any interest in being involved in such a program please contact Mitch N2RGA.

At 9:05 PM the meeting was adjourned, and at 9:40 the Hospital cleaning staff suggested that it was time to go home.

See ya all in February!

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



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(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. Regretfully, Riley Hollingsworth has no opinion, whatsoever, regarding any aspect of this Newsletter.)

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