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Minutes of the August 2017 KCRC Meeting, August 2nd, 2017

Our July “Pre-Meeting Question and Answer Session” was *tabled* again for next month, due to a lack of questions.

The monthly meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM, by our President, Mitch N2RGA. Also present at tonight’s meeting were Vice President Howard N2GOT, Treasurer Richard KA2KDQ, General Secretary Roy AC2GS, Executive Board Members at Large Howard K2IGJ, and Milen KG2C, Simon KD2LQE, Andy WA2GDS, Joe AC2AE, Lloyd K2JVX, and James KB2FMH.

Treasurer Report—Richard KA2KDQ, reported that our Treasury currently has \$905.63 in assets in our bank account, and \$11.70 in our Club PayPal account, for a total of \$917.33. We have one new Club member since last month—Leroy!

2 Meter Report—Richard KA2KDQ reported that the 2 Meter Net was doing well, with an average of a dozen check-ins each week. The Net Control Operator found the latest revised, “refreshed” 2 Meter script to be more concise than the last version. Concern was voiced again that the Net Control Operator’s signal is not what it should be due to the deteriorated condition of his antenna. He will institute measures to resolve this problem and we all wish him luck with that.

10 Meter Report—Our Net Control operator, Milen KG2C reported an active Net, averaging as many as 20 check-ins, with many Net sessions lasting as long as three hours. One session of the Net was cancelled this past month, because most participants attended the Sussex Hamfest, and Sundays when the VE Sessions coincide usually shortens the Net time, because most of the examiners are often the most active Net participants.

KCRC TechNet —Our Net Control Operator and Host, Roy AC2GS, reported that the TechNet is doing well—sometimes, at the beginning of each Net it takes a little longer to get people to participate, but as the TechNet progresses more and more people check-in with questions and comments, and the TechNet consistently runs over the 1 hour duration that it was originally planned for.

Old News: Our most recent VE Session was July 23rd. We had 10 participants. Six examinees earned their Technician licenses, and 3 upgraded to a General license. The VE exams will continue to be offered in Room 6B of Wesley House. Our next scheduled VE exam will be September 17th of this year. The Club is always looking for new VE’s to join our VE Sessions. 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!

We presently have 53 Club Members in good standing!

Repeater status was reported by Mitch N2RGA—Mitch is planning an outing to the Repeater site in the near future to update the firmware and re-position the control antenna. He asked for two volunteers—and Simon KD2LQE and Joe AC2AE dutifully volunteered! At some point down the road we will consider the options of

sending our Repeater to Yaesu for a minor upgrade, or investing in a trade-in of our DR-1X for a new DR-2X model, after they are available and we can assess if it would require any additional hardware expenses.

Field Day was discussed. James KB2FMH is our new Chairman of the Field Day Committee. He voiced his belief that, in the spirit of Field Day, we should continue to hold it out in *the field*. He suggested that there might be better locations within Floyd Bennett Field, better suited for the event, and we might consider Fort Tilden as an alternative Field Day site, as well. Enquiries will be made of the Park Services availabilities. Enclosures and pest reduction measures were discussed. James KB2FMH suggested a gazebo enclosure, Mitch N2RGA discussed the measures that he had to take to get replacement poles for the tent that broke at the end of the last Field Day.

It would seem that for the remainder of 2017 we will be having all Club functions in Room 6B of Wesley House. Howard N2GOT volunteered to discuss our long term location plans with Damien NY2P, who has graciously been our liaison to New York-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital.

New Business: A new Club Net was proposed! Starting this Thursday at 9PM we will be sponsoring a weekly check-in **Fusion Net**, with Jason KD2LRX as Net Control Operator. We have also accepted Joe AC2AE's kind offer to volunteer his Wires-X equipment for Club use. He will keep it in his own shack and configure it to create a "KCRC Room" over his Internet connection, linked to our Repeater by an RF link. A suggestion was made to offer an Internet audio stream for this Wires-X "Room" in the same way that we stream our Repeater's analog signal and 10 Meter Net. It was agreed that we will test this Wires-X device on Thursdays during and after the Fusion Net and assess the results at the next meeting.

The September Club Picnic at Manhattan Beach was scheduled for September 24th. James KB2FMH volunteered his grill. Further details will follow in next month's minutes, and as always, our Club website, www.KingsCountyRadioClub.com will offer all up to date information on Club events!

It was decided to run our semi-annual mail membership drive after Labor Day. Roy AC2GS will generate the database and *freshen* the promotional copy and Mitch N2RGA will arrange for printing and mailing the promotions to new Hams.

James KB2FMH would like to organize a Winter Field Day for the Club on January 27th and 28th, 2018. Please contact James if you are interested in participating or helping!

Richard KA2KDQ reminded everyone that the NY Marathon needs communication volunteers, and due to the degree of vetting involved your application **MUST** be in by August 31st!

If all else fails there might be radio!? But in case that doesn't work out so well and technical issues lessen your radio experience, keep in mind that the club (via Roy AC2GS) has been streaming events over the Internet using <http://live.KC2RC.com> !

At 10:00 PM the meeting was adjourned.

See ya' all in September!

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

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