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Minutes of the May 2018 KCRC Meeting, May 2nd, 2018

Our May “Pre-Meeting Question and Answer Session” was a very informal affair this month. Once again, no specific topic took center stage with many topics being discussed.

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, Milen KG2C, Joe AC2AE, Joe KD2MLY, John WB2LFU, Gene KY2MY, Sam KC2LJC, Bob KD2NVB, Al, and our newest Club member Dmitriy KD2ORY!

The vote to accept the minutes of the April 4th meeting was passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report—Richard KA2KDQ, reported that our Treasury currently has \$995.10 in assets in our bank account, with \$54.52 in our Club PayPal account, for a total of \$1,049.62. Since last month Dmitriy KD2ORY joined our Club—our Club presently has 52 members who have paid their 2018 year dues!

2 Meter Report—Richard KA2KDQ reported approximately a dozen check-ins to recent Nets. There was a lively discussion of the net Control Operator’s technical problems in recent years. A handmade 2 Meter antenna was given to Richard KA2KDQ by Milen KG2C, with hopes that this might be of help. Our President Mitch urged Richard to check his email regularly for important Club messages. This is wise advise for everyone—checking an active email account is like checking your physical mailbox—you wouldn’t think about “checking it every few weeks or months”. Welcome to the 21st Century, come and sit awhile!

10 Meter Report—Our most recent Net had Roy AC2GS as temporary Net Control operator. The Club is searching for a new Net Control Operator for this Net. Anyone with a decent 10 Meter setup with a free hour or two on Sunday morning should consider volunteering. Perfect reception or a very strong signal is not necessarily needed. The participants of the Net are available to relay messages back and forth, as needed. Please consider volunteering for this position. A possible option is to set up a rotating position where members volunteer to cover as NCS once or twice each month. If anyone is interested in being on such a rotating roster, please let Roy AC2GS know. The Club executive committee will try to cover the Net Control Operator post until a more permanent replacement is found.

KCRC TechNet —Our Net Control Operator and Host, Roy AC2GS, reported that the TechNet is still around, but suffering from a lack of participation. This is a Technical Net, not a radio show, it requires participation from the audience, either in asking questions, or offering opinions or further information. Checking in “to support the Net” is fine, but without stimulating conversation the TechNet will turn into a seminar. The TechNet started as a single monthly Net, but due to encouraging activity it was expanded to bi-weekly. If activity continues to wane, the Net might return to a single monthly Net or go off on hiatus. It is up to the audience. Please listen to our TechNet and PARTICIPATE!

KC2RC FusionNet—The FusionNet has been very active lately with DX Wires-X nodes linking during the Net, we have had non-local participants and have had lively discussions regarding Fusion Technology!

Field Day 2018 Committee Report—James reported, in absentia, as follows:

I am almost done with a "Press Release" for the purpose of drawing visitors and getting the points for it as I understand happens. I will then ask You to send an email to the club member list soliciting help in the way of particular commitments and general operating assistance. Milen has the "Needs List" spreadsheet on google docs so it can simply be erased from last year's assignments and start anew.

Lastly, I will be setting up my usual station but with a good vertical ground plane antenna right on the beach. I had previously suggested a few examples of screened shelters to Mitch.

There was a general discussion regarding alternate sites from Floyd Bennet Field and possibly Fort Tilden. This will be discussed with the government agency that gives permits for these locations.

Old Business: Our next VE session will be May 6th, 2018 at 1 PM, in room 6B at Wesley House 501 Sixth Street, between 7th and 8th Avenue. 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!

Repeater status was reported by Mitch N2RGA—Mitch reported that the controller needed to return to the manufacturer for some repairs, but is on its way back to Brooklyn, and he plans to return to the Repeater site with Joe AC2AE and reconnect the controller. The directional Yagi also will require some repositioning.

Regarding the new KCRC Club Patch—The company that Mitch found to make the patches have not yet returned with any further information or any samples to review. Stay tuned...

New Business: Our annual Club Roster was emailed to all Club members in good standing (that paid their 2018 dues). All members that have failed to pay their 2018 dues have been stricken from our mailing list and membership list on our website.

Mitch N2RGA just got a new photo plug-in for the website. Anyone with any photos of Club activities, please send Mitch a copy for inclusion on our Club Website.

Towards the end of this meeting, Milen KG2C presented a presentation/demonstration of his new, relatively inexpensive, JumboSpot digital radio hotspot, and suggested that the Club might use one of these to set up a link to Brandmeister "rooms" and use their Brandmeister Hose Internet audio streaming service to supply all of the Club's Internet streaming services! Milen KG2C will discuss this with members close to our repeater's site and report back later. Milen KG2C also showed his new iambic key/keyer. Joe showed his new iambic key/key as well.

At 9:20 PM the meeting was adjourned.

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

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