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Minutes of the June 2018 KCRC Meeting, June 6th, 2018

Our June “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 PM, by our President, Mitch N2RGA. Also present at tonight’s meeting were Treasurer Richard KA2KDQ, General Secretary Roy AC2GS, Simon KD2LQE, Joe AC2AE, Joe , Bob KD2NVB, Al, Alan KD2OMG, James KB2FMH, Donni W2BRU, Axel KD2OVM, Berlotte KD2MYF, a new guest and hopefully a soon-to-be new member Bob KD2NPH, and our newest Club members Bob KD2PPV, and Matt K2ACD!

The vote to accept the minutes of the May 2nd meeting was passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report—Richard KA2KDQ, reported that our Treasury currently has \$963.14 in assets in our bank account, with \$31.67 in our Club PayPal account, for a total of \$994.81. Since last month Matt K2ACD and Bob KD2PPV joined our Club—our Club presently has 55 members who have paid their 2018 year dues!

2 Meter Report—Richard KA2KDQ reported approximately a dozen check-ins to recent Nets. There was another lively discussion of the net Control Operator’s technical problems in recent years. A suggestion was made that Richard might consider switching from operating 1 5 watt HT in his car, to a more robust ly powered mobile radio, and offers for borrowing such a radio were made to Richard. Richard believed that his low powered HT was more than sufficient for the job.

10 Meter Report—Our most recent Net had Roy AC2GS as temporary Net Control operator. The Club is still 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 “chugging along”, but can always use more participants for our technical discussions, either in the way of questions or answers. Once again, his 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. 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 KB2FMH reported that he wrote and sent press releases to the many media outlets advising them of the history of Field Day and how it offers emergency training for Amateur Radio Operators that were so important during natural disasters like our recent hurricanes and forest fires. He urges people to sign up on our Club Website for the initial build and the final breakdown of the Field Day Station, as well as booking hours that they can operate the Field Day station. Mitch N2RGA showed some educational brochures written by Roy AC2GS, to distribute to curious visitors. There will be more chairs available this year and the tent has been repaired. Matt K2ACD offered the use of his Yamaha 2KW generator, in addition to the club's older 5KW generator. Please keep up to date by reading the Field Day pages of the Club's website, AND VOLUNTEER!

Old Business: Our next VE session will be July 22nd, 2018 at 1 PM, in room 6B at Wesley House 501 Sixth Street, between 7th and 8th Avenue. James KB2FMH suggested that we reconsider next May's VE session to be as free from traffic congesting marches as humanly possible. 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 still is not operational. He believes that this may be due to Yaesu incorrectly modifying our repeater and has been advised by the manufacturer of our controller to check the pin-outs voltages. If Yaesu mis-wired our unit Mitch will investigate the most timely way to correct this situation. Mitch N2RGA continues to stream our repeater through the Internet. Within the next two months Mitch plans to remove the radio that he is using, so that he can use it in his car. If the club determines a need for streaming Internet audio of our Repeater signal, they will need to consider purchasing another radio.

Regarding the new KCRC Club Patch—The company that Mitch found to make the patches promised him a sample by next month's Club meeting. Stay tuned...

New Business: Our Fusion Wires-X room is being linked to a DMR-Brandmeister room for greater access through DMR as well as Fusion radios. Also, a web-based page called Hoseline (<http://hose.brandmeister.network/31653/>) allows monitoring this streaming audio on the Internet. Unfortunately this is not a 24/7 solution, since it requires that the Wires-X link be working and the web-based page is not that dependable—the audio can drop out for long periods of time and sometimes distorts.

At 8:40 PM the meeting was adjourned, but most members stayed around for smaller conversations through the next hour.

Next stop—Field Day!

Remember that our next monthly meeting will be one day early July 3, 2018 because to the Fourth of July holiday on Wednesday!

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These minutes were respectfully recorded and submitted by Roy AC2GS on this day, June 6th, in the two thousandth and eighteenth year of our Lord of Propagation...

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