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Minutes of the October 2018 KCRC Meeting, October 3rd, 2018

Our October “Pre-Meeting Question and Answer Session” was a lively affair with discussions of antennas, grounding, and choosing the best radio—hopefully after all of this has been pondered fully, it will engender even more questions for next month’s pre-meeting?

The monthly meeting was called to order at 8:15 PM, by our Vice President, Howard N2GOT. Also present at tonight’s meeting were Treasurer Richard KA2KDQ, General Secretary Roy AC2GS, Lloyd K2JVX, Al KD2QME, John WB2LFU, Joe KD2QBQ, Gene KY2MY, Sam KC2LJC, Dan KC2TRX, and Berlotte KD2MYF

The vote to accept the minutes of the September meeting was passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report—Richard KA2KDQ, reported that our Treasury currently has \$913.51 in assets in our bank account. This past month we had no new memberships.

2 Meter Report—Richard KA2KDQ reported that he is averaging “about a dozen” check-ins weekly.

10 Meter Report—Our most recent Net had Roy AC2GS as temporary Net Control operator. Activity has diminished due to poor propagation limiting any DX check-ins. We did have three check-ins from New Jersey, and one from Staten Island, as well as Queens. We could use more club member participation—if you have the ability to operate on 10 meters please consider checking in to our 10 meter Net—it’s fun! 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. Joe AC2AE volunteered to be Net Control Operator for at least one Sunday each month, once his roof antennas are re-installed. 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 could really use some more participation. Roy again attempted to remind everyone at the meeting that the TechNet was NOT a podcast or a broadcast, but a participatory exercise in improving our understanding of this great hobby of ours. The TechNet went from once a month to twice a month when the amount of interest warranted it. If participation continued to dwindle, this can work in reverse as well. Milen KG2C will be leaving the metropolitan area for a while and during this time he will not be able to participate as co-host of the TechNet. Milen will co-host on October 10th’s TechNet, and Gene KY2MY will join the TechNet as co-host on October 24th. Please consider listening and participating—either with questions or answers, or opinions. Participation makes or breaks a TechNet.

KC2RC FusionNet—The FusionNet continues to go strong, both locally and through its Wires-X room, and its Brandmeister access.

Old Business: Our most recent VE session was September 26th, 2018 . Three candidates earned their Tech licenses, including our own Al newly minted as KD2QME, and three holders of a Technician's license earned an upgrade to a General license. Our next VE Exam is scheduled for November 18, 2018. James KB2FMH will act as VE Liaison Officer. For ANY other 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 tabled due to the absence of Mitch N2RGA and Joe AC2AE, our Repeater Tech team. The repeater is still without a separate power amplifier, being directly driven by the Yaesu DR-2X. Plans are progressing to replace or repair the final output RF amplifier. Mitch has removed his radio from the audio stream, stream.KC2RC. If anyone has a fusion capable radio and would be interested in streaming our Repeater onto the Internet please let a member of the executive board know.

Regarding Field Day, we are owed a partial refund on our license to use the area during Field Day 2018. We continue to plan for Field Day 2019 to be very similar to FD 2018. We will investigate whether anyone would be interested in heading the Field Day Committee for 2019.

In the past month, the club purchased a new Honda 2200eu generator with an accessory fuel container.

Discussion regarding a club logo patch was tabled due to the absence of the person that was going to produce them. We will revisit this (hopefully) during our November meeting.

The 2018 KCRC Picnic was a great success, although we did not get authorization to use our new Honda 2200eu generator during the event.

New Business:

It was decided to initiate our request for members to pay their 2019 annual dues sooner, rather than later. Our Club website will be refreshed to allow a full annual membership—all new members will be considered paid up from the day that they pay their dues until the end of the 2019 calendar year, plus everyone that renews their membership early will receive a personalized, laminated membership card!

It was decided to publish a formal request to the full membership for the open position of Executive Board Member-At-Large, vacated by Milen KG2C. Anyone who has been a member, in good standing, continuously for over one year is eligible. Candidates are requested to contact Roy AC2GS, and the Executive board will vote on it in approximately 10 days.

There was a general call for suggestions for activities that we can use our new Honda generator and operate radios. Winter Filed Day was discussed, as well as special event on January 26-27 commemorating the U.S.S. Missouri at the Brooklyn Naval Yard.

At 10:00 PM the last few members left the conference room, and we called it a day.

See ya November 7th!

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These minutes were respectfully recorded and submitted by Roy AC2GS on this day, October 3rd, in the two thousandth and eighteenth year of our Lord of Propagation...

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