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Minutes of the July 2019 KCRC Meeting, July 3rd, 2019

Our July “Pre-Meeting Question and Answer Session” was lively, covering all manner of topics.

The monthly meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM, by our President, Joseph AC2AE. Also present at tonight’s meeting were Treasurer Richard KA2KDQ, General Secretary Roy AC2GS, Howard N2GOT, Frank KD2QDU, Jason WF2N, Jason KD2LRX (via Skype?), David KD2BNT, Bob KD2NVB, Milen KG2C, Axel KD2OVM, a long time friend of the Club Lucy KD2MPV, Les N2UJG, and a new friend Maria!

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

Treasurer Report—Richard KA2KDQ, reported that our Treasury currently has \$1,606.80 in assets in our most recent bank account statement.

Repeater status was discussed by Joseph AC2AE - Work progresses on our options for network routes to our Repeater, utilizing DMR as well as other digital modes. On the next visit to the Repeater a new series of voice announcements, performed by a professional voice announcer will be uploaded into our Repeater controller.

2 Meter Report—Richard KA2KDQ reported that the InfoNet is less attended during these summer months. We can still use some alternative Net Control Operators for the Net.

10 Meter Report—Roy AC2GS reported that the 10 Meter Net is going well. We still need more Net Control Operators to rotate in this position, each Sunday. 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. 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 alive but suffering from intermittent non-participation. This past month had an active participation among its listeners, as opposed to the previous month, when it was cancelled because no one checked in with a question or a comment. This Net is not a monologue by the net Control Operator—it requires the ‘give-and-take’ and participation of its audience to make it successful!

KC2RC FusionNet—The FusionNet continues to go strong, both locally and through its Wires-X room. The contest to rename the contact email address for the FusionNet, resulted in the choosing of Jason KD2LRX’s entry, FUSION@KC2RC.com as the new email address for the Net.

Old Business: Our next VE exam will be Sunday, July 21st, at 1 PM at Room 6B of The Wesley House 501 Sixth Street, between 7th and 8th Avenue. For ANY individuals interested in joining our VE Team, 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!

Our Club presently has 69 members, all paid up for 2019. We had no new members in the past month.

Our 2019 Field Day was discussed (we had 671 Field Day contacts) and it was decided to send the person at the Park Department that has helped us with Park Permits, Jennifer, a little thank you note for all her help.

We are still selling Club patches at \$5 a piece and \$1 shipping and handling. You can save the shipping and handling fee by buying them at our monthly meetings.

New Business: Joe AC2AE suggested that we establish more formalized committees with designated committee chairmen for many of the services our more active members do for the Club. Joe will work on compiling a short list of proposed committees and ask the Executive Board to vote on them.

A friend of our Club, Lucy KD2MFV joined us for this meeting and talked about her recent project of transmitting SSTV images of Iceland across the world. She intends to repeat this with a series of SSTV transmissions in Upstate New York. You can see Lucy's work on her web page: www.lucyhelton.com.

Recent news that the French had suggested reallocating some of the VHF Amateur band (144-146 MHz) was discussed, as well as the cancellation of the New York City Makerfaire, due to financial problems in the company that manages these events.

Winter Field Day 2020 was discussed.

At 9:40 PM the meeting was concluded.

See you August 7th for our next meeting!

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These minutes were respectfully

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