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Minutes of the January 5th 2022 KCRC Meeting

Our January “Pre-Meeting Question and Answer Session” ran without any problems.

The monthly meeting was called to order at 8:03 PM, by our Acting President Roy AC2GS . Also present at tonight’s meeting were Treasurer Frank KD2QPU, Vice-President Berlotte KD2MYF, Executive Board member-At-Large Jason KD2LRX, Joseph AC2AE, Mitch N2RGA, William AC2ZV, Glenn N4ESU, Lloyd K2JVX, Maxim KD2VEA, Bob KD2NVB, Howard N2GOT, Mo N2YU, Bob W2ZF, Ralph KD4RN, and Victor. We had two visitors, Ken, and Dan KD2YM joining us .

The vote to accept the minutes of the December meeting were passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report—Frank KD2QPU reported that our Treasury currently has \$1,306.61 in our bank account as well as \$1,313.33 in our PayPal account for a total of \$2,619.94 in assets.

Repeater status was discussed by Mitch N2RGA - There has been no further work on the Repeater in the past month. A trip to the repeater, for firmware upgrades and downloading the new audio announcements needs to be scheduled. The new members of the Repeater Committee have not yet met with its chairman Mitch N2RGA. Mitch has been considering a Diamond 700 antenna, rather than the CommScope quad folded dipole discussed last month. Roy AC2GS said that he would talk to the LIMARC Repeater Committee to get their ideas on the Diamond (since they chose the CommScope model for their repeater). Mitch N2RGA asked if he could lend Joseph AC2AE our club’s FTM-400 so that he could re-link our repeater to Wires-X, at least during the FusionNet—he was advised that since there was not vote to remove it, Joseph AC2AE could lend it back.

2 Meter Net Report—Effective this month Selvin KB2WON would return as the weekly NCO for the 2M Club InfoNet. The first Tuesday he was not able to have his shack ready and Howard KD2MSU was kind enough to be NCO for that Tuesday. Selvin plans to return to his weekly schedule next week. If he cannot do it, he has been given a list of alternative NCOs that have offered to cover an InfoNet occasionally.

10 Meter Report—Roy AC2GS reported that the 10 Meter Net is poorly attended by Club members, and could use more Club member’s participation.

KCRC TechNet—Roy AC2GS reported that the TechNet is alive and well, but suffers , as well, from a dearth of Club member participation, so please try to join us on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month!

Fusion Net Report—Jason KD2LRX reported that the FusionNet is building back up from the summer doldrums. He has added new Dx Net Control Operators that will extend the time of the Net for the western time zones. Unfortunately, due to Joseph’s FTM-400 failure (it is out for repairs) the Wires-X Room is not linked to the repeater.

Old Business: The position for President of the Club was discussed. Joe KD2MLY, who had nominated himself in the past was not available during this meeting. Mitch N2RGA self-nominated himself to the position of Club President and was seconded by Joseph AC2AE. Election for Club President will be held during our February General Meeting.

There has been no change, regarding the status of our bi-monthly VE Sessions.

We have 71 members on our Roster. We have one new member Mo N2YU.

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 in-person meetings (when they are re-established).

Arrangements for using IS#35 have reached a SNAFU. Selvin KB2WON forwarded me a PDF form required of people using a room. This would have lead to a problem of inviting strangers to attend meeting. The PDF is 10 pages long with, requesting information on Income, Gender, Race, Ethnicity, Language, Population Type, Household Information and Health Insurance Status. Also, since this is a NYC facility documentation of vaccination status is also required. There were multiple club members who found these intolerable requests and said that if this venue was chosen we would not attend.

Victor is still looking into alternative venues for Club meetings as well as our bi-monthly VE Exams. Victor will continue his talks with these organizations and offer more information on our next monthly General meeting. Bob W2ZF generously offered the use of his mid-Manhattan offices for our meetings. Parking options were discussed. No decision was made at this time. Members are urged to think about possible venues for our club—preferably free, located closer to members in Brooklyn, close to mass transit and low cost parking.

The in-warrantee generator repair is still pending.

Club apparel was discussed—Victor offered another design for club apparel. Members again mentioned that the design needs to be simple (Victors design included a high resolution, full color picture an ARRL logo and a few lines of text). Mitch N2RGA advised Victor that he will be sending him some design suggestions. We will return to this discussion at next month's General Meeting.

New Business:

The meeting was closed 9:28PM.

Stay Safe Everyone!

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These minutes were respectfully recorded and submitted by Roy AC2GS on this day, January 5th, in the two thousandth and twenty-first year of our Lord of Propagation.

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