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“NULLUM BENEFICIUM IMPUNITUM”

Minutes of the March 2nd 2022 KCRC Meeting

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

The monthly meeting was called to order at 8:02 PM, by our President Mitch N2RGA. Also present at tonight’s meeting were Secretary Roy AC2GS, Treasurer Frank KD2QPU, Vice-President Berlotte KD2MYF, Joseph AC2AE, William AC2ZV, Maxim KD2VEA, Bob KD2NVB, Howard N2GOT, Axel KD2OVM, Joe KD2MLY, Victor, and our new member Javier KD2YIN. We had a visitor, Alexander joining us.

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

Treasurer Report—Frank KD2QPU reported that our Treasury currently has \$2,125.89 in our bank account as well as \$1058.41 in our PayPal account for a total of \$3,184.30 in assets.

Repeater status was discussed by Mitch N2RGA - There has been no further work on the Repeater in the past month. Joseph AC2AE has been able to link his HT during the FusionNet and will link the Wires-X room to the Repeater on Thursday nights.

2 Meter Net Report—Joseph AC2AE reported in Selvin KB2WON’s absence that there were 10 check-ins during the Net, but it seemed as though many people who checked in at the beginning were not able to be contacted on the Net towards the end. During Selvin’s 2 week vacation, when he will not be available for the net, Joseph AC2AE took the first week, and either Howard KD2MSU or William AC2ZV will take the second week. Adjusting the list of back up NCO’s were discussed, but nothing was finalized. Mitch N2RGA requested that Roy AC2GS ‘refresh’ the 2 Meter InfoNet script and make it more concise and easier to read and present.

10 Meter Report—Roy AC2GS reported that the 10 Meter Net continues to be 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—Joseph AC2AE reported that the FusionNet was going very well. He will be able to link his HT to the Wires-X and KC2RC repeater during the Thursday night Fusion Net. He is in the planning stages of setting up his own repeater, and discussed the possibility of linking it to our Club Repeater. He is planning on expanding his merchandise available on his Net’s website and promoting it at the upcoming Xenia Hamfest. He also plans to have an exclusive Fusion Net member site on his website.

ARES Report—William AC2ZV reported that the local ARES group recently were involved in the Cherry Tree 10 Mile Event. They have Nets every Sunday night around 8 PM on our Club Repeater that William reports are short and concise.

Old Business: There has been no change, regarding the status of our bi-monthly VE Sessions. Mitch N2RGA emailed James KB2FMH today, to set up a discussion regarding future VE sessions.

We have 73 members on our Roster. We have two new members Javier KD2YIN and Fabian KD2YTZ. 53 members are paid up for 2022 (73%). 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).

Victor is still looking into alternative venues for Club meetings as well as our bi-monthly VE Exams. Victor will talk to his contacts at St. Dominic Church to see if a room is available, preferably for free. William AC2VEA offered a basement at his MicroMuseum at 123 Smith St (accessible by the F train) once some details are ironed out. He believes that he might have enough space for VE exams, and at a later time club meetings there might be possible. Mitch N2RGA asked Bob KD2NVB to take a trip Methodist Hospital, the site of our previous club meetings, and see if they might be amenable to offer us a free room for our meetings and VE sessions. Bob KD2NVB will report back on his results. 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-warranty generator repair was done by a local repair center, thanks to Mitch N2RGA.

Club apparel was discussed—Victor offered another design for club apparel. Members again mentioned that the design needs to be simple (Victor’s design included an FCC logo, and IC, a morse code key and an antenna tower and a few lines of text, with gradient filled colors). Joseph AC2AE said that he will take some of the previous suggestions and work with them and provide another suitable design. We will return to this discussion at next month’s General Meeting.

New Business: There was a discussion that 27% of our members have not paid their 2022 dues and it was suggested that they be automatically dropped by February 1st of each year. Roy AC2GS suggested that over the past 7-8 years that he has been in charge of this, it had been decided to offer a grace period of 3 or 4 months with the realization that many people procrastinate and if we terminate any communication with those members they will be permanently lost to the club. The past two years we have been much more lax because of the pandemic. It was agreed that we should return to the practice of advising members who have not paid this year’s dues that the cut off will be April 1st. After that date, they will be struck from the Roster and receive no further email notices, and will be removed from the 2022 Club Roster that will go out to the General Members some time in April 2022.

The meeting was closed 10:15PM.

Stay Safe Everyone!

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

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