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“NULLUM BENEFICIUM IMPUNITUM”

Minutes of the April 6th 2022 KCRC Meeting

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

The monthly meeting was called to order at 8:01 PM, by our President Mitch N2RGA. Also present at tonight’s meeting were Vice-President Berlotte KD2MYF, Secretary Roy AC2GS, Treasurer Frank KD2QPU, Jay KD2LRX, William AC2ZV, Max KD2VEA, Bob KD2NVB, Howard N2GOT, Lloyd K2JVX, KC2WOT, Ralph KD4RN, N2HVR and Victor. We had two visitors, Melchior and David joining us.

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

Treasurer Report—Frank KD2QPU reported that our Treasury currently has \$3,131.99 in our bank account as well as \$282.38 in our PayPal account for a total of \$3,414.37 in assets.

Repeater status was discussed by Mitch N2RGA - There has been no further work on the Repeater, in the past month. Our plans to upgrade our repeater’s antenna with a CommScope Quad Folded Antenna depends upon reconstituting a new Repeater Technical Committee with our present Chairman Mitch N2RGA and a group of newer club members that have indicated interest in joining. Although this antenna was previously available from AntennaFarm, they no longer list this item, but other retailers offer this model. Additional mounting and new transmission line will be required. The Club will return to vote on this, when our new Repeater Technical Committee is fully rebuilt.

2 Meter Net Report—Selvin KB2WON was not available for this General Meeting. Howard KD2MSU covered as NCO for Selvin yesterday.

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—Jay KD2LRX reported that the FusionNet is very active, with check-ins from around the world. The FusionNet Wires-X Room is linked to our repeater by Joseph AC2AE for each Thursday night’s FusionNet. A more permanent FusionNet Wires-X link to our KC2RC repeater requires a club member to maintain the necessary equipment. William AC2ZV offered to maintain it, if Club members were able to handle the installation of a 2M antenna at his QTH. Mitch N2RGA will discuss the planned installation with Joseph AC2AE and advise William of a plan for its installation.

ARES Report—William AC2ZV reported that the local ARES group plans to have a VE session in the near future, and advised interested people to contact Kings County ARES for more information.

Old Business: There has been no change, regarding the status of our bi-monthly VE Sessions. Mitch N2RGA contacted James KB2FMH, he told Mitch that as soon as an acceptable location were found, James would re-start KCRC VE Sessions.

We have 61 members on our Roster. We have two new members Tova KD2YPK and AI KD2YYG. As per the decision made during our last General Meeting in March, all members that have failed to pay their 2022 dues have been dropped from our roster, mailing list and entry on our website. 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).

The search for a viable location for our Club's functions (General Meeting and VE Sessions) were discussed. Bob KD2NVB contacted our previous location owner (Presbyterian-Methodist Hospital) that advised Bob that the Hospital was not allowing outside organizations to use their rooms. This might change in the future, but has yet to be decided. Mitch N2RGA asked Bob KD2NVB to contact The Guild of Exceptional Children, the site of the now dissolved Kings County Repeater Association, to ask if they would be willing to host us. Victor will continue conversations with local Churches, regarding obtaining a room to use. Lloyd K2JVX suggested asking local libraries for a room, although it would seem that all of them are closed by 8 PM, which would make General meetings problematic, but might be usable for Sunday afternoon VE Sessions. This will be investigated. Berlotte KD2MYF said that she will investigate other options (previous sites that Berlotte saw would cost the Club too much).

Club apparel was discussed—Victor advised us that his graphics file had become corrupted and was lost. He suggested that we use a design from Roy AC2GS. A copy of Roy's design was emailed to Victor. Roy suggested that we settle upon a simple design as the 'KCRC endorsed design' and suggest that any individuals or groups arrange printing with Joseph AC2AE on an individual basis, rather than the club maintain an inventory of apparel. We will return to this subject next month.

Victor mentioned that work assisting with a Boy Scout Radio merit badge continues and he will advise us as it progresses.

New Business: The 2022 Field Day Committee will be chaired by Berlotte KD2MYF. Any Club members interested in joining the committee, please contact Berlotte. We need to inventory our remaining equipment in storage by Mitch. We will probably need to purchase a replacement antenna, that was lost during last year's Field Day as well as transmission line. We will also need to purchase a new tent, since our old main tent was destroyed during last year's Field Day. Permits will need to be filed, which Howard N2GOT will handle. Our Club insurance was renewed for another year. Berlotte will handle PR releases to local media groups. Insurance coverage for young children at KCRC activities were discussed.

The meeting was closed 9:25 PM.

Stay Safe Everyone!

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

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