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“NULLUM BENEFICIUM IMPUNITUM”

Minutes of the May 4th 2022 KCRC Meeting

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

The monthly meeting was called to order at 8:018 PM, by our President Mitch N2RGA. Also present at tonight’s meeting were Secretary Roy AC2GS, Treasurer Frank KD2QPU, Max KD2VEA, Bob KD2NVB, Howard N2GOT, Lloyd K2JVX, Chris KC2WOT, Nick N2HVR, Richard KA2KDQ, Selvin KB2WON, Victor, and our newest Club member Catherine KC3HMN. We had four visitors, Lawrence, Jacob, Steve, and Jacque joining us.

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

Treasurer Report—Frank KD2QPU reported that our Treasury currently has \$2,781.24 in our bank account as well as \$340.28 in our PayPal account for a total of 3,121.52 in assets.

Repeater status was discussed by Mitch N2RGA - There has been no further work on the Repeater, in the past month. Mitch N2RGA volunteered to act as the Wires-X gateway between our Repeater KC2RC and the Fusion Net Wires-X Room. Mitch and Selvin installed a new Yagi and Joseph AC2AE assisted with the software configuration. The gateway will be active when there are no FM analog Nets scheduled.

2 Meter Net Report—Selvin KB2WON reported that the Net remains active with 11 check-ins the night before, including DX check-ins from Alaska and other out of state check-ins, utilizing our EchoLink node.

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—Was tabled due to the absence of both Jay KD2LRX and Joseph AC2AE at tonight’s meeting.

ARES Report—Was tabled due to William AC2ZV absence during the meeting.

Old Business: There has been no change, regarding the status of our bi-monthly VE Sessions. Berlotte (via email) advised us that she is investigating being credentialed to be a VE liaison officer.

We have 63 members on our Roster. We have one new member Catherine KC3HMN. 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 has contacted our previous location owner (Presbyterian-Methodist Hospital) , as well as The Guild of Exceptional Children, the site of the now dissolved Kings County Repeater Association. He will follow up with both

locations and advise us of any commitments on their parts. Victor has obtained a limited approval for a Church room for the second half of May to the first half of June. This would not be a long-term commitment on their part, but Victor thought that a single VE session might be scheduled there. Berlotte KD2MYF, arriving after the formal meeting advised those remaining that she would continue to investigate some leads for free rooms..

Club apparel was discussed—Victor said he had been very busy with other things and had not done anything new. Mitch N2RGA asked him to review the suggestions of himself, Roy AC2GS and Joseph AC2AE and provide another candidate for use on apparel. Victor said that he will email a design to all three of them before the next monthly meeting.

Berlotte KD2MYF reported via email that he and Selvin KB2WON had done an inventory of club property and will check it against supplies needed for this years Field Day and issue a report of the items still needed, and thier price to be voted on.

New Business: Roy AC2GS requested that the \$15 VE Handout first year membership discount be re-instated on our website, since the Kings County ARES VE group are kind enough to hand out these handouts to people taking their VE tests. Each handout includes a discount coupon. Mitch agreed and will make the proper adjustments with Frank KD2QPU. The discount for the last 6 months of the year will be pro-rate to a \$7 discount.

Mitch N2RGA advised the group that someone on our Facebook page seemed to have ‘scraped’ our patch from our website and was attempting to profit by offering apparel with our patch design, for a price. Mitch has contacted the manufacturer of the apparel and sent them a cease and desist order, and asked Howard N2GOT to review our Facebook page and remove unknown members from it.

Mitch N2RGA discussed selling some watt meters he found in the club inventory to a club member first building their first ‘shack’.

The meeting was closed 8:57 PM.

Stay Safe Everyone!

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These minutes were respectfully recorded and submitted by Roy AC2GS on this day, May 4th, in the two thousandth and twenty-second year of our Lord of Propagation.



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