

KPARC Annual Meeting Minutes of Monday, December 8, 2014

The KPARC Annual Meeting on Monday, December 8, was called to order at 2 PM in the Ripple Room in the Kings Point Club House.

A summary of the KPARC Board Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2014, was read by Secretary Linda Conklin. Treasurer Monica Miller stated that a total of \$4,181.53 remains in the club account.

President Wayne Conklin turned the meeting over to Dotty Love, who presented the slate of candidates running for the 2015 KPARC Board of Directors. These candidates included:

Wayne Conklin, President
Greg Becker, Vice-President
Monica Miller, Treasurer
Linda Conklin, Secretary

Non-elected positions on the Board are occupied by Bill Miller, Trustee for W1SCC; Bill Love, Trustee for W3SOB; Dick Bishop, Past President; and Alan Blackwell, Member-at-Large.

Dotty called for nominations from the floor three times, with no response. Dotty then moved that the slate presented be elected with a unanimous vote, with Jim Brueggeman seconding. All present voted "aye." Dotty then instructed the secretary to cast a unanimous vote for these nominees for the 2015 Board of Directors officers.

KPARC/SCCARC Christmas Party: Dotty Love said that 53 tickets for the Christmas Party have been sold to date. A select group from the Kings Point Chorus will be providing entertainment. She reminded everyone to bring an unwrapped gift for a child between 1 and 16 years of age.

Skywarn Recognition Day: Bill Barron was not present to talk about the results from the contest during Skywarn Recognition Day, but Dick Bishop reported that the number of contacts exceeded those of all previous years, including HF, UHF, and Echolink.

Membership Renewals: Monica Miller reported that we have 28 members who have renewed for 2015, with 28 yet to renew. She said she would accept renewals on Saturday morning at the Ham Shack from around 9:30 to 11:00 AM.

D-Star Update: Dick Bishop reported that the group is learning to link to repeaters for long-distance contacts. They had a QSO with an operator in Scotland.

LINUX Update: Dick Bishop reminded us that the group is meeting the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month from 9 to 11 AM, with a hands-on workshop on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2:00 PM. They are learning to use LINUX for ham radio applications, and how to install the LINUX operating system on old computers. The group will continue to meet until the first of 2015.

Plant City Hamfest on December 12 and 13: Dick Bishop reported that the Club has reserved 3 tables, plus the free table provided for Club information. The plan is to sell excess Club equipment, plus a few individuals' personal equipment. Some volunteers are still needed to help man the tables.

Program: Alan Blackwell introduced today's speaker, Peter Schwartz, who is the license holder for the new Sun City Center radio station, "Sun Radio," on 96.3 FM, at WSCQ.com.

20 members plus 2 guests attended the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM. The next KPARC meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2015, at 2:00 PM.