

KPARC Meeting Minutes of Monday, March 9, 2015

The KPARC Meeting on Monday, March 9, was called to order at 5:50 PM in the Banquet Room in the Kings Point Club House, following a pizza and salad buffet.

The KPARC Board Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2015, were read by Secretary Linda Conklin. Treasurer Monica Miller gave the Treasurer's report, with the club having a balance of \$4,943.12 after expenditures of 575.30 and dues received of \$75.

KPARC Work Sessions: (Dick Bishop) Dick has proposed that the club hold open sessions in the Ham Shack, one on Monday evenings from 6 to 8 PM, and the other on Wednesday mornings from 9 to 11 AM. Participants will work on club projects, build and test new equipment, and use the club equipment to check into nets.

Linux Group: (Doug Gatchell) The Linux Group meets twice a month in the Ham Shack on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. They are continuing to go through the Linux training course, and discussing what they are learning at the meetings. The group has a field trip planned to Skycraft in Orlando on Tuesday March 17. Doug talked about several members purchasing "Raspberry Pie," which is a small Linux system about the size of a pack of cards that retains for around \$35.

Amsat Launch: (Dick Bishop) Dave Jordan (AA4KN) talked in Orlando about the new Amsat satellite that is planned for launch this summer. Hams will be able to communicate with the satellite via 5-watt HT's. Dave can come to our club and give a presentation on the new satellite after his article is published in QRP magazine.

Program: (Wayne Conklin) Wayne showed an excellent video on the background of the Tim Allen character in "Last Man Standing" on national TV, because the character is an Amateur Radio Operator. It has been a challenge incorporating Ham Radio into the show because the writers have no idea what Ham Radio is about, assuming it's just a glorified CB. The video brought up current challenges to the Ham community, including involving young people in the hobby and protecting our frequencies against the encroachment of the cell phone industry.

18 members and 3 guests attended the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM. The next KPARC meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2015, at 2:00 PM in the KPCH Ripple Room.

Linda Conklin
KPARC Secretary