

KPARC Meeting Minutes of Monday, Feb 8, 2016

The KPARC February Meeting was called to order at 6:43 PM on Monday, February 8, in the Banquet Room in the Kings Point Club House, following our pizza party.

Treasurer Doug Gatchell reported that KPARC has approximately \$3,700 in the checking account at the end of January. He also reported that Encore, our new bank, will host an appreciation reception for the club members on April 8 at 1:00 PM at their facility in the Payant Building.

The KPARC Board Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2016, were read by Secretary Linda Conklin. The most significant item was the proposed change to the KPARC Constitution that is mandated by the Kings Point Federation. Article II (Officers) Section I (listing the officers) needs to have added: "The President shall be a resident of Kings Point." This will rescind part of the change made to the Constitution last November (the requirement that the President be a "full-time resident of Kings Point" will not be included). This change will be voted on at the regular March KPARC meeting. If our club President is not, in fact, a Kings Point resident, then our club will no longer be recognized as a Kings Point sanctioned club and no longer able to use Kings Point facilities for free. There were no changes to the minutes.

President Wayne Conklin stated that the computers and antenna configurations in the Ham Shack are not being maintained in their required operating condition. Computer software is being altered without any discussion or oversight, making some of the computers unusable for their intended function. Antennas are being switched between transmitters and not being returned to their original setup. He stated that it is mandatory we maintain a stable operating readiness as part of our emergency preparedness mission.

Today's program was put on by Dick Bishop and Mike Burks on some of the challenges in installing mobile radio equipment in RV's and vehicles.

Greg Becker then addressed the membership on the importance of being weather-aware during this El Nino season.

24 members and 2 visitors attended the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM. The next KPARC meeting is scheduled for Monday March 14, 2016, at 2:00 PM in the KPCH Ripple Room. The program will be presented by Geoff Haines, "Mobile Installations in the 21st Century."

Linda Conklin
KPARC Secretary