

KPARC Meeting Minutes of Monday, September 12, 2016

The KPARC September Meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM on Monday, September 12, 2016 in the Ripple Room in the Kings Point Club House. Vice President Jim Key officiated.

Treasurer Doug Gatchell reported that the club had \$2,106 at the end of August, including member's dues of \$30 plus \$50 donations and \$630 sold items. \$1300 was expended for equipment purchases.

Interim Secretary Gary Dinda – The Club abstained from having the KPARC meeting minutes from the meeting of August 8, read. The meeting minutes are posted on the web site and available to anyone to peruse at their leisure.

Committee Reports

- Dick Bishop reported that he and Lew Merrill are working on the antenna problems. They installed the X300 Dualband base/repeater Antenna and it is working fine but needs fine tuning.
- The Diamond X510 Antenna (UHF/VHF) is working fine with 440 MHz but not on 2 meters.
- Dick reported that the antenna located on the top of Sun Towers has a high SWR reading. It is now suspected that Sun Radio broadcasting is bleeding over.
- The HF antenna is OK, however the mystery antenna has a snapped guide wire and is on the deck.
- Dick stated that the fiberglass antennas are receiving gelcoat damage due to the UV exposure and require a little cleaning with rubbing compound or need to be sanded down than a coat of shellac applied. This activity is to be scheduled later when the weather is cooler.
- Dotty Love- announced that she has the tickets for the picnic scheduled for 22 November, 2016. Cost is \$6.
- Dotty also has the Christmas pot luck tickets. This function is to be 5 December, 2016. Cost is \$7.
- Dotty requests that attendees bring a covered dish for 8 to 10 people. She also stated that Bill Barron has send out e-mail that detail the requests and the agenda of activities for the party. He is going to repeat the e-mail to the membership.
- Dotty is firming up the Pinellas EOC trip scheduled for the 3rd of November. The folks participating will meet at 08:15 in the Bealls parking lot and proceed to the EOC. The tour starts at 09:45 Since security screening is required to get access, get with Dotty ASAP to let her know of your intend to take part in this trip.
- Dotty announced that the club has to fill the following vacancies for 2017.

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President, Vice President, Club Secretary

- Dick asked for volunteers to clean up the Club Room. The cabinets require cleaning out. Space is valuable and need not be wasted by storing junk. He stated that the ladder has been given to Maintenance.

Announcements.

- Jim Key recognized Marjorie Uschhold for passing the exam to achieve the General Class License.
- D-star jamboree
- DCC Conference September 16-18, 2016 Technical conference. Copies of the agenda were available at the meeting.
- Arduino class has been moved from Tuesday to Wednesday.

Presentation

1. Bill Barron talked about Remote Operation. Two ways were explained by Bill. The first was Ham radio Delux with Skype which was previously used and connected at KP. It is cumbersome to operate. The second system is RCforb Client. This arrangement is used by the Tampa radio club. Bill demonstrated this system to the members during the meeting. RCforb Client is free.
2. Doug talked about the KPARC site and its changes and additions. He demonstrated how to search the site for different topics and links.

15 members attended the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM. The next KPARC meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 10, 2016, at 2:00 PM in the KPCH South Social Room.

Gary Dinda
KPARC Interim Secretary