

KARC Board Meeting Minutes for February 8th, 2021

Board Attendees:

Alex Stuart (KE8ICM)
John Tucker (WB8ZVV)
Chuck Agosti (WD8AXA)
Randy Mead (KE8R)
Patrick McVerry (K8MVC)
Ken Irish (W8JVP)

Attendees from the Membership:

Lynn Clark (WB8RWV)

Meeting was started on Zoom at 6:30pm and brought to order by Patrick McVerry.

February Board Minute Review:

Vice President Report:

Treasurer Report:

None this month due to Alex being unable to attend

Secretary Report:

New Website has been activated. Still working through some bugs with Alex. Hope to have the site fully functional in the next couple of days.

Submitted SK info on JeRB to ARRL and received confirmation back that it will appear in an upcoming issue of QST. The email stated it may be a few months as they have many SK's to publish. Also plan to put a page on the website with information about JeRB and his legacy with the club.

Upcoming Membership Meeting Topics

March Meeting - Dstar, technical discussion, equipment and operation

April - FT8 Discussion Technology, Operation, demo

1 remaining Member at Large position open

Elmer's Group

We had a request from Facebook looking for an Elmer program. We'd like to form an Elmer's group, at the next meeting we can ask for people to join and add their expertise and technical

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skills to a roster/list to help assign people who ask for an Elmer. It was mentioned we should also investigate ARRL resources as well. Chuck told us about a position at the section level devoted to technical discussions but could remember the position title.

Proposal From Chuck

State Systems and Pam Buchanan are donating VHF/UHF radios in memoriam of JeRB (K8WPI) to the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission, and asked if the club would donate as well. The radios are \$175 each. We decided to ask the club members how many they'd like to donate out of club funds and ask for donations towards this effort at the next meeting

RedCross Access and In person Meetings

Chuck will inquire what the Red Cross plans are in terms of letting us back into the building for regular meetings or just to pick up our equipment if necessary. We also discussed that while current CDC and State Health Departments guidelines are in effect we can't risk the liability of in person meetings. We will evaluate meetings in the park or outside when the weather is warmer and permit such events, we'll return to the discussion in April or May.

By Laws discussion

Two topics were brought up but not discussed in detail, these should be revisited at another board meeting after officers have settled into their new positions.

- Term limits
 - Currently there is a limit of 2 consecutive 2 year terms as a member of the board before a 2 year lapse must be observed in officership
 - At current volunteering levels this may prove difficult to keep the club going
 - Need to focus on recruitment and volunteer efforts and discuss changing the rule if needed.
- Membership fee rates
 - Fees have not increased in several years, yet prices of event site rental and regular expenses such as domain hosting, sprint bill, and PO box fees continue to go up.

Other News

Dstar Repeater fell offline last week for an unknown amount of time. It was fixed remotely by Terry Tasos on Sunday evening.

