

March 2021 Meeting Minutes for the KARC/BMRC

The regular monthly meeting of the KARC/BMRC was held on at Thursday, March 11, 2021 at Randall's Restaurant and via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by President Rick Johnson, followed by the pledge of allegiance and a prayer.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Neil Weber reported that the KARC now has 28 paid members, and that the club's financial position is good.

Repeater trustee Ken Klotz provided an update on the status of the W4TRC repeater. He said the antennas have been moved, offering improved performance. It was also reported that the Echolink system will be relocated to the repeater site, however it will need an internet connection, and at the present time the status of that connection is unknown. In the interim, the Echolink system will be moved to a temporary location. Volunteers for a work party to dig a hole at the repeater site for a new tower installation were solicited, with some members agreeing to help, weather permitting on Saturday, March 13. Ken also indicated that the existing workbench in the building should be replaced with a more compact one, due to space constraints.

It was reported that the W4TRC website is up to date, thanks to the efforts of Larry Dale, and also that the Sunday night net is going well.

No old business was brought forth for discussion.

The first order of new business to be discussed was filling the vacant KARC secretary position. David Rotenberry, K4DR, was nominated for the position, and after asking if there were any other names to be considered (there were none), a vote was conducted and he was elected by acclamation.

Next, a request was submitted for approval of funds for some items needed for the repeater site. These items included a server rack (for Echolink) and associated miscellaneous items as well as a small table to replace the large workbench presently installed.

A motion was made to authorize the expenditure of up to \$300 for purchase of the above mentioned items as well as various other items required for cosmetic site upgrades. The motion was seconded and approved by the members in attendance.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:25, seconded and approved.

Following the business meeting, Dave Stevens presented information on Echolink via Zoom.

Submitted by KARC Secretary David Rotenberry, K4DR