

January 27, 2014

## Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes



Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate - Kansas City - Overland Park, KS

The January, 2014 meeting was called to order by President Tom, NØAG, at 6:31 pm (0031 January 28, 2014 UTC).

### Agenda

Introductions

Transfer of presidency

WØAR results so far

Presentation by Jim, ACØKN, "Jim's Smoke N' Solder Home Brew Projects"

Presentation by Jeff, ACØC, "NØSS scoring explanation and possible strategy tips"

### Introductions

During the customary introductions, Bill, ACØA, reported that ARRL DXCC submittal processing is slow due to end of year submittal volume and suggests delaying any applications that require card checking be delayed about a month.

### Transfer of Presidency

Tom, NØAG, introduced the new officers:

President	Jeff Blaine, ACØC
Vice President	Bill Henderson, KØVBU
Treasurer	Mike Crabtree, ABØX
Secretary	Charlie Hett, KØTHN

Tom then thanked the club for the privilege of being our president for the last several years.

At this point, Jeff took over the meeting.

Jeff stated that he would like for us to change the final reporting deadline for the W0AR and NØSS contests to January 15 so that the final results can be reported at the January meeting and so moved. Tom, NØAG seconded. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Mike, ABØX, reported that three rooms are available at the Crowne Plaza in Dayton for the hamfest. Let Mike know if you are interested. He would like to not loose control of those rooms. He will be letting us know soon when to send him a check payable to the Crowne Plaza for the first nights deposit.

## **Presentations**

### **Jim, ACØKN, Smoke N' Solder Home Brew Projects**

His presentation consisted of describing many small home brew projects he has either completed or are in progress and tips on how he adapts materials and parts.

Some of the subjects were:

- Forty Meter regenerative receiver
- A USB to DB-9 RS-232 converter
- Using small plastic bins to accumulate parts for each project in
- Used clothespin to hold ic socket on pc board while soldering in place
- An unfinished tube type EICO oscilloscope
- Ramsey RX and TX kits
- Used electrical box for running coax through walls
- A PC Power Supply modified for bench use
- An antenna switch
- An antique Volt Ohm Milliammeter

### **Gary, WØMNA**

Gary displayed several of his homebrew contest building projects including a Manhattan style receiver, a Desert Ratt regenerative receiver, a forty meter SSB exciter with a couple of following amplifiers and a forty meter CW receiver from QST.

He invited us to attend the annual Freeze Your Keys at the Weston Mo State Park 8am to 4pm Saturday, February 15.

### **Jeff, ACØC, NØSS Scoring Procedure**

Jeff discussed how he scores each contest he enters and totals the results for NØSS. He said a key to winning is to enter a whole lot of contests as multipliers essentially get used over and over. He also suggests staying at a single power category and highly recommends use of a contest logging program such as the free N1MM program.

### **Other Announcements**

**Dennis, KØDNG**, showed us the Kansas QSO Party plaque won by KØJVX which was very nice.

**Next month program** is a presentation on the Kansas City World War I Memorial centennial activities including ham radio special events and our possible participation.

**Rob, KØRU**, reported that the W1AW/0 Kansas operation will be in November and he will be seeking participants for that.

**The Mine Creek hamfest** is this weekend, February 1, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm

**Charles Hett, KCDX Club Secretary**

## Program

- Jeff Blaine, ACØC, presented a brief presentation on the ARRL Symbol Rate petition that is now FCC RM-11780 – what it is and why we should be concerned. This petition asks that the current 300 baud rate limit be removed and replaced by a 2.8kHz bandwidth limit in the entire portion of the HF CW band segments. Jeff proposed several theories as to why the ARRL has proposed this which seems to benefit few and harm many users of these segments. He suggested that we go to the FCC website and comment on this proposal. Jeff's presentation included part of AA5AU's writeup as to how to comment. I believe the deadline for comment is December 20, 2013 so time is short. Jeff will send a copy of this presentation for distribution. It was suggested that he see that KØBJ and KØCA, ARRL officers and KCDXC members, receive the presentation to let them know that we disapprove of this proposal as a club.

## Nominations for Officers

- President Tom Laux, NØAG, opened nominations for officers. There was some discussion as to whether we should allow combined tickets for president and vice president. After discussion the proposal failed. The following members were nominated for office:
  - President, Jeff Blaine, ACØC
  - President, Russ Woirhaye, KØVXU
  - Vice President, Bill Henderson, KØVBU
  - Vice President, Dennis Davis, KSØDX
  - Vice President, Lee Ward, KØLW
  - Treasurer, Mike Crabtree, ABØX
  - Secretary, Charles Hett, KØTHN

Eddy Paul, KYØF had withdrawn his name from nomination.

Online voting will be open until December 31. KØVBU, KØVXU, ACØA comprise the ballot counting committee.

A round of applause was given for the great job the current officers have done during their term.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

**Charlie Hett, KØTHN, KCDX Club Secretary**