

January 28, 2013



Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes

Prudential Building Overland Park, KS

The January 28, 2013 meeting was called to order by President Tom, N0AG, at 6:45 pm.

Agenda

Announcements

Program by Rob, K0RU, about the construction and performance of his four-square vertical antenna for 40 meters. Also, there will be a discussion of the rules of the N0SS contest being run for the first time this year by the KCDXC.

Announcements

- Introductions
- Mike, AB0X, received an attaboy for his work on the club newsletters.
- Jeff, AC0C, and his wife were thanked for their hospitality at the Christmas party last month.
- Dues are due and some were collected at the meeting.
- The 2012 W0AR contest winners were announced and they will be published in the next newsletter. We need to solicit sponsors for the 2013 contest plaques.
- Tom, N0AG, stated that he sent out twenty-five Christmas cards to those that have supported the club in various ways.
- The ARRL Midwest Convention to be held in Lebanon, MO on November 8-9, 2013 was publicized.
- The situation with the ZL9HR donation distribution controversy was discussed. The International DX Association (INDEXA) has issued a statement regarding donations for DXpeditions as follows:
 - "INDEXA believes that funds contributed to a DXpedition should be used only for that purpose. If there is a surplus of funds after a DXpedition is completed, a refund should be made, using some logical approach, to help offset the personal expenses incurred by individual team members and/or returned to the major sponsors. INDEXA is not concerned how the refunds are made, but does believe that any excess funds should not be

held by the organizers for other purposes or projects. Do you agree? Yes or No"

Dave, W7FB, moved that the KCDXC support this statement without concern for the KCDXC donation to the ZL9HR DXpedition. Drew, K3PA seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Mike, AB0X, reports that he still has hotel rooms available for the Dayton Hamfest. The reservations are for three nights at \$137/night. A deposit of one night is required.
- Rob, K0RU, suggested that the club sponsor a plaque for the 2013 KS QSO party. Bill, K0VBU, moved that we sponsor the award for an amount not to exceed \$100. Russ, K0VXU, seconded. Motion carried.

Program

N0SS contest

Dave, W7FB, described the simple rules for the contest. They may be found on the KCDXC website.

Rob, K0RU, described his four-square antenna system for 40 meters. The vertical elements are made of three inch diameter aluminum pipe. He described several creative ways he solved problems encountered during the construction. He claims the front to back gain is about 6 dB but the main benefit is being able to null out signals off the side and to steer the antenna pattern at will, even from transmit to receive. The antenna bandwidth covers the entire 40 meter band.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM.

Charlie Hett, K0THN, KCDX Club Secretary