

June 3, 2013



Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes

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

The June 3, 2013 meeting was called to order by President Tom, N0AG, at 6:42 pm (2342 UTC). The meeting was on this date because Memorial day fell on the regularly scheduled date.

Agenda

Announcements

Program by Jim AC0KN, DXING-101

Announcements

- Introductions
- Treasurer Jeff, AC0C, reported that the website club roster shows current paid members <http://www.kcdxclub.com/ci/welcome/roster>.
- Mike, AB0X, was complimented again on his newsletters.
- The ARRL Midwest Convention was discussed. Mike, AB0X, moved, Russ, K0VXU seconded that \$500 of club funds be donated to the convention. Motion carried. In addition, individual members have donated a total of \$300 so far. Members are encouraged to donate by sending a check payable to the KC DX Club in care of Jeff Blaine, AC0C by the 20th of June. Include a note that your donation is for the ARRL Midwest convention. This is in response to the significant help we received from K4SX and hams in the St. Louis area for the W0DXCC convention we did two years ago. The convention website is: <http://www.arrlmidwestconvention.com/index.html>.
- Upcoming major DXpeditions of interest are Wake Island, K9W, in October and Amsterdam Island, FT5ZM, January 2014.
- Mike, AB0X, asked that we authorize him to sign the Crowne Plaza hotel contract for the 2014 Dayton Hamvention. Lee, K0LW, moved and Jeff, AC0C, seconded. Motion carried.
- Lee, K0LW reported that the club call, W0CW, is up for renewal and a new trustee is needed. The current trustee is Frank, NG0N. Dragan, K0AP, volunteered to be the new trustee. Jeff, AC0C, moved, Russ, K0VXU seconded that K0AP be approved for trustee. Motion carried.

- Lee, K0LW, suggested that a name badge and possibly a blue club logo shirt come with each new membership. Seems like a good idea but no action was taken.
- The Dayton Hamvention was discussed. Russ, K0VXU, Bill, K0VBU, received kudos for another successful pileup contest. Charles, NO5W, who is not a club member and is the author of the pileup software was recognized for his excellent work and his assistance in running the contest.

A good writeup of the contest and activities in the club suite can be found on the club website home page.

- Signups for rooms at Dayton next year were taken by AB0X.

Program

The Art and Science of DXing-101

By Jim, AC0KN

Jim's presentation was prepared for new General and Technician licensees and he gave it for us for our interest and for us to assist him in improving it.

Some topics covered were:

- Definition of DX
- Propagation
- Use of Universal Coordinated Time
- Bands and Sub Bands
- Beacons
- Split frequency operation
- Antennas
- Operations
 - DXpeditions
 - 340 current entities
 - DX Reflector
 - QSL Cards

- DXCC Awards
- Logging
 - Paper
 - Electronic
 - LOTW
 - eQSL
- Contesting
- Books
- DXing Websites

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM.

Charlie Hett, K0THN, KCDX Club Secretary