

**November 25, 2013**

## **Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes**

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



The November, 2013 meeting was called to order by President Tom, NØAG, at 6:45 pm (0045 November 25, 2013 UTC).

### **Agenda**

Announcements

Presentation by Jeff, AC0C regarding FCC RM-11708 Symbol Rate Requirement

Nomination of club officers for next term

General discussion

### **Announcements**

- Introductions
- Tom, NØAG, reported that the WØAR contest status reports. The results will be published in the next KCDX Club Newsletter. He reminded the members that the contest for this year ends at the very end of 2013 on December 31 UTC.
- The December meeting will consist of the Christmas party at the home of Jeff, ACØC on December 14 (the wrong date was given in the October meeting minutes – Sec.) with dinner expected to start about 6pm. If you are not familiar with his place you might want to get there before dark. Jeff will send out directions for how to get there. There will be no meeting at the end of December.
- Tom, NØAG, said the Midwest Convention held in Lebanon, Mo was well attended by KCDXC members but overall attendance was a little less than had been hoped for. The CW pileup conducted by the KCDXC had 17 participants with Dave, K1ZZ having the highest score but as a representative of the ARRL was not eligible for prizes. Congratulations to Ron, K4SX and Don, WØXE for their efforts in organizing the Convention.

## 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**