

CARC Meeting Notes – September 24, 2020

President Larry called the September, 2020 meeting of CARC to order via Zoom at 7:31pm, with six members attending. The Minutes of the August, 2020 Zoom meeting were read, with one correction: Jerry Davis (KE4TTS) pointed out that that Ham Nation episodes could be most easily found on the twit.tv website.

The Club Secretary revealed that he had received a request for member information from Kate Patterson, who wanted to join the Club and learn more about becoming an Amateur. He answered with the steps she should take to get on the air with a Technician License and an HT.

The Treasurer's Report revealed a balance in the Club's account of \$7,480.20.

Larry announced that virus conditions would make a November Holiday Dinner inadvisable this year, so October 22nd. would normally be our last Zoom Meeting until 2021. He then polled the attending members about another Zoom meeting in early November and all voted in favor. He added that during the October meeting there would be an election of officers.

Larry asked if anyone had used the Ham Locator link distributed in the September Newsletter and several responded that they had found Hams nearby that they had never met. Larry also mentioned that a new FCC proposal would add a \$50 fee to every new license application. Details could be found at <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-20-116A1.pdf>

President Larry informed the Club that the White Plains United Church was closing its meeting facilities to all non-church activities during a renovation that would not be complete until sometime in 2022. Should face-to-face meetings become feasible before then, the Club would have to find new quarters. Woodhaven Baptist Church in Apex was suggested, but currently involved paying for room sanitization on each usage. Don Hurlbert volunteered to inquire about the fee and bring the news to the next Club meeting.

During a second session of the Zoom Meeting, Jim Williams presented an engaging Power Point presentation about Lithium-Ion batteries, tracing the development of batteries from the mid 19th century to the latest properties of the Lithium Iron Phosphate packs which offered great promise for Amateur usage.

There being no more business to conduct, the September, 2020 Zoom Meeting of CARC was adjourned.