

RCKARA Minutes – September 2026

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order on September 8, 2026 at 19:00 CDT by President Charles Tucker, KB0SQL, at the Hutchinson Chamber of Commerce building on north Walnut.

There were 16 members, and 1 guest present. Officers present:

- Charles Tucker, KB0SQL (President)
- Todd Wilson, N0UNI (Vice-President)
- Zack Clobes, W0ZC (Secretary/Treasurer)

Announcements

- Reminder that nets have been moved to 7pm on Tuesdays.
- Upcoming Hamfests
 - Victoria Hamfest – Saturday September 26. 8am-5pm
 - Wichita Hamfest – Saturday October 3. 8am-1pm
 - RCKARA Hamfest – Saturday August 14, 2027. 8am-12pm
- Reminder to join Groups.io for club email communications.

Reports

- Minutes from the August meeting were read. A motion to approve was made by Jerry AC0RL, and seconded by Jeff KC0RWI. Motion carried.
- The Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Zack Clobes, W0ZC. A motion to approve was made by Jerry AC0RL, and seconded by Jeff KC0RWI. Motion carried.
 - Zack's name was added to the RCB Bank account. Jerry's name was removed.
 - Accounts were reconciled back to July 2023, which was last account history available. An adjustment of \$0.03 was necessary to bring 2023 into balance.
 - Several other corrections and adjustments were made for 2024 to 2026. I did ask Jerry about many of the issues, and we found that three of his personal transactions had accidentally posted through the club's PayPal account instead of his own. He immediately corrected that mistake and has made the club whole. The PayPal account that had been linked has now been shut down.

- The reconciled transaction register from the Checking account was passed around.
- A new RCKARA Financial Statement was presented to the club and passed around.
- A club roster has been created, and passed around.

Committee Reports

- 12 Repeater Trustee (Jerry Kahn, AC0RL) – It just keeps working.
- 67 Repeater Trustee (Jeff Roberson, KC0RWI) – Continuing to tweak the 67's DMR configurations. Jeff posted the frequencies and talk groups for the new DMR configurations.
- Club Call Trustee (Zack Clobes, W0ZC) – Club callsign renewal has been submitted. Waiting to ensure that FCC accepts the renewal.
- Hamfest Committee (Zack Clobes, W0ZC)
 - The room has been reserved for August 14, 2027.
 - Derby Radio Shack and Row Cowan from ARRL have been notified of the date.
 - There was some discussion about holding the state convention, but there was no commitments at this time.

Old Business

- Emergency Management has requested about 15 volunteers to help test the repeater coverage based on the volunteer stations around the county. A Saturday morning was decided would be ideal for such a test.
- ARRL Sanctioned Club
 - Currently right on the line.
- Kansas QSO Party Results
 - Held at AC0RL's shack
 - A motion was made to reimburse Jerry for \$170 to cover the cost of the porta potty. Motion made by Scott N0FXG, seconded by Mark KF0VAH. Motion carried.
 - Jerry sent Bob Harder photos from the group activities, along with the list of callsigns of who operated.

New Business

- RCKARA Club Bank
 - Certificate has been auto-renewing on 6 month terms at around 2.5%. Current market rates are over 4.00%
 - The club has again started to receive monthly bank charges from RCB.
 - Motion to move banks to Heartland Credit Union, and to deposit a total of \$7,000 into certificates based on current market rates, was made by Jerry, AC0RL, and seconded by Jeff, KC0RWI. Motion carried.
- Christmas Party
 - Tuesday December 8, 2026.
 - Rice Park Community Building is available for rent - \$120. A motion to approve using Rice Park was made by Jerry, AC0RL, seconded by Mark KF0VAH.
 - A motion was made to spend \$300 to provide meats at the club party, with members providing the sides via pot-luck, made by Jerry AC0RL, and seconded by Scott N0FXG. Motion passed.

Net Control Operators

- Sep 15 – Jason, KF0WMJ
- Sep 22 – John, KA0NES
- Sep 29 – Mark, KF0BZM
- Oct 6 – Jerry, AC0RL

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1957 CDT.