

RCKARA Minutes – October 2026

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order on October 13, 2026 at 19:03 CDT by President Charles Tucker, KB0SQL, at the Hutchinson Chamber of Commerce building on north Walnut.

There were 10 members, and 1 guest present. Officers present:

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

Announcements

- Jerry Kahn, AC0RL announced that the results from the Kansas QSO Party. We had 446 CW contacts, and 1,122 phone contacts, giving us a final score of 207,856 points. The next place score was 85k points.
- Reminder that nets have been moved to 7pm on Tuesdays.
- Upcoming Hamfests
 - RCKARA Hamfest – Saturday August 14, 2026. 8am-12pm
- Reminder to join Groups.io for club email communications.

Reports

- Minutes from the September meeting were read. A motion to approve was made by Jerry Kahn, AC0RL, and seconded by Charles Tucker, KB0SQL. 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 Nate Reynolds, KI0KG. Motion carried.
 - The bank account has been opened with Heartland Credit Union.
 - Most of the funds have been transferred from RCB to Heartland.
 - Two certificates were opened for \$3500 each
 - 11 months at 4.25%.
 - 16 months at 4.00%.
 - The RCB account has not yet been shut down. I will work on that in the next week or so.

- The RCKARA Financial Statement was presented to the club and passed around.

Committee Reports

- 12 Repeater Trustee (Jerry Kahn, AC0RL) – No report
- 67 Repeater Trustee (Jeff Roberson, KC0RWI) – No report
- Club Call Trustee (Zack Clobes, W0ZC) – The callsign has been renewed and the FCC has accepted the renewal.
- Hamfest Committee (Zack Clobes, W0ZC) – No report

Old Business

- Christmas Party
 - The Rice Park Community Building has been booked for Tuesday evening, December 8, 2026.
 - Jerry purchased Turkey and Ham from Carriage Crossing for \$300.
 - The remainder of the meal will be potluck.
 - Starts at 6:30pm

New Business

- Field Day
 - Jerry has offered his shack to hold Field Day.
- Jerry has proposed looking into a 501(c)(3) club.
 - There could be some advantages if we ever wanted to pursue having a club house or other activities. It also gives some advantages for fund raising.
 - Need to look at the cost of tax filing each year. Jerry will reach out to a couple of accountants to inquire about pricing.
 - Zack will reach out to a few contacts to see other experiences with being a 501(c)(3).
 - Dan Spears, KF0KRY had worked with the Symphony to become a 501(c)(3).
- Club officer nominations for 2027
 - A motion was made to keep the existing slate of candidates for next month's elections. Motion was made by Jerry AC0RL and seconded by Bryon Cannon KA0IIU.
- Kansas QSO Party sponsorship
 - Bob Harder from the Kansas QSO Party is requesting sponsorship for 2026.

- Last year we did a \$50 sponsorship.
 - A motion to approve was made to sponsor the Kansas QSO Party for \$50 by Jerry AC0RL and seconded by John Connor KA0NES. Motion carried.
- Purchasing QSL cards for the W0L QSO Party event
 - Jerry confirmed that we will likely have the W0L callsign again in future years.
 - A motion was made to spend up to \$75 to order 100 QSL cards. Motion was made by Chales KB0SQL, and seconded by Jerry AC0RL. Bryon will work on designing and ordering the cards.

Net Control Operators

- Oct 20 – Charles Tucker, KB0SQL
- Oct 27 – John Connor, KA0NES
- Nov 3 – Jerry Kahn, AC0RL

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 17:52 CDT.