Capital City Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the November 2, 2026 Regular Meeting

Officer and Committee Reports:

President (Tom KE7VUX)

Enjoyed the CQ World Wide Contest

Vice-President (Brian KJ7OUF)

Reviewed the club's bank account. Everything looks good.

Treasurer (Al WA1TYB)

The October financial report was emailed to club members. The year to date financial report was provided. Our finances look stable. Al does not see any reason to change the dues. Dues will be set in the December meeting. He would appreciate payment in December because he will not be around in January.

Secretary (Oakley KE7WWL)

The October meeting minutes were emailed to club members.

Testing & Training (John KS7R)

4 people are signed up to take the test next Wednesday. Our next test is scheduled for December 2.

Repeater

It sounds like we have a different problem. Brian would like to take a drive up to look around. It might be time to replace the coax and/or antenna.

ARES (Al WA1TYB)

There were 22 check-ins for our Great Shakeout net.

Membership Growth Committee (Al KH7AL)

We finished our Tech class. There were 13 participants. 10 of them took the test afterwards. Is there interest in a General class in January? Looking into other venue options that would be ADA accessible.

Website (Al KH7AL)

Made a few security updates.

Newsletter Editor (Al KH7AL)

The November edition of the newsletter has been emailed to our members.

Old Business:

Just for the Helena of it

Thank you to everyone who helped. They were very happy with us.

Ham of the Year

Has been chosen and will be announced at our December meeting

Nomination Committee

The committee nominates the following officers for 2027:

- President: Tom KE7VUX
- Vice-President: Brian KJ7OUF
- Treasurer: Al WA1TYB
- Secretary: Oakley KE7WWL
- Newsletter Editor: Al KH7AL

Brian is willing to run but would prefer someone else take the position due to health issues. Lynn (K7WGR) showed interest in VP.

ARRL Grant

Al Le Vie has submitted the grant.

New Business:

Solar & Battery Backup

Tom Gasta donated a solar system with battery backup to the club. Bill K7MT, Tim KB7DMK, and Bill N7MSI were kind enough to go retrieve the equipment.

Dues

Al Simons has set up Stripe for credit card payment. There is no annual cost, but each transaction has a 2.9% fee plus a $0.30 fee. A motion was made that these fees should be added to dues for people who want to use the service. For example a $25 membership would be adjusted to approximately $26.06. This motion passed.

Announcements:

- Next Meeting is on December 7
- Nerd Hike November 7 @ 10am.
- ARRL Sweepstakes CW November 7 & 8
- ARRL Sweepstakes SSB November 21 &22
- Dues will be set at our December meeting.
- We will be collecting donations for the Salvation Army at our December meeting.

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Date: 11/2/2026

Salvation Army Community Center

1905 Henderson St, Helena MT 59601

Call Sign	Name	CCARC Member?	ARRL Member?
KI4NCT	Rob Hooper	✓	
KG7LNA	DARRELL HARRIS	X	
KB7DMK	TIM SOWA	X	X
KM7LIB	Marla Usrah	✓	✓
K7PLG	Paulette Geach	✓	
KS7R	John Geach	✓	
AE7AP	ROB Kingery	✓	✓
N7HNT	Devin Felix	✓	✓
KH7AL	Allen LeVie	✓	✓
W7BYZ	Joe Spear	✓	
K7WGR	Lynn Wagner	✓	✓
N7MSI	Bill McGuire	✓	✓
N7AGP	Bob Morris	✓	✓
KF7HIS	Steve Miller	✓	—
AJ7MT	John Monson	✓	
KM7AEM	Keith Platts	✓	✓
KM7IFI	John Nott	✓	∅
	Chuck GONDEIRO	X	
KJ7EBX	Lydia Hill	X	X
K7MT	BILL ERHARDT	✓	✓
WA1TYB	Al	✓	✓
KB7VUX	Tom	✓	✓
KE7WCL	Oakley Snushad	X	
K5TOKF	Brian LEE	✓	