



**USS Batfish & USS Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club
Meeting Location: Muskogee War Memorial Park
Meeting Minutes May 06, 2023**

Officers:

President - Mike Manring, AE5QL
Vice-President - Earl Stutzman, KG5EWK
Treasurer - Gary Burch, W5ODS
Secretary - John Martin, W5EJK
Trustee - Wade Harris, WA5DE

The May 6th, 2023 Batfish & Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club meeting was a combination of in-person and Zoom. Total attendance was 10, consisting of 6 in-person and 4 Zoom. The requirements for a quorum were met. Mike Manring called the meeting to order at 10:15 local time. Zoom failed partway through the meeting at around 10:50, but was quickly restored.

Minutes of the April 1st 2023 meetings were read. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made, seconded, and passed.

The Treasurer reported that the Club has a Cash-On-Hand balance of \$2,887.72.

Old Business:

- 1) Michelle still needs a picture and biographical information from some Club officers for the Club's website, "ussbatfisharc.com".
- 2) Jim needs to order replacement wire to correct the Museum's front entrance outdoor speaker system.
- 4) Jim Erb will order and schedule whatever is needed for the "Orange Fence Project", including T-Posts & tie wire, mowing, and the burn pit.
- 5) The selected printer of the Club's Eyeball QSL cards has some health issues, Virginia will handle.
- 6) Discussed Museum Ships Weekend scheduled for June 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, including possibly operating from the newer storage shed, scheduling the Club meeting and operations around the Tolling Of The Boats ceremony, the Bar-S Foods Company donated hotdogs to the Museum and Jim has said that the Club can use some of them for the Museum Ships Weekend event. A motion was made, seconded, and passed for the Club to spend up to \$150.00 for food for the event.
- 7) Jim Erb reported on the Museum status & updates, including the fact that the Museum's lease will terminate sometime in August of this year and that the City of Muskogee does not hold title to the land the Museum occupies, he still does not have an employment contract, and there will be a five-star admiral visiting soon.
- 8) Field day plans were discussed and the Club will conduct Field Day at the Museum this year. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to invite the Broken Arrow Club to share Field Day with us at the Museum.
- 9) The National Association of Broadcasters has requested that people text "AM" to 52886 to ask Congress to keep AM radios in automobiles.
- 10) On April 21, 2023, the FCC issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking further limiting amateur radio access on 60 meters. Comments will be accepted for a 60 day period.



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New Business:

1) Club members are asked to help with the cleaning and organizing of the newer storage shed after the meeting today.

2) The next Club meeting is scheduled for June 3rd, 2023 at 10:00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52.

John Martin, Secretary