



**USS Batfish & USS Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club
Meeting Location: Muskogee War Memorial Park
Meeting Minutes October 07, 2023**

Officers:

President - Mike Manring, AE5QL

Vice-President - Earl Stutzman, KG5EWK

Treasurer - Gary Burch, W5ODS

Secretary - John Martin, W5EJK

Trustee - Wade Harris, WA5DE

The October 7th, 2023 Batfish & Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club meeting was a combination of in-person and Zoom. Total attendance was 9, consisting of 4 in-person and 5 Zoom. The requirements for a quorum were met. Mike Manring called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m. local time.

Minutes of the September 2nd 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 \$2,450.70.

Old Business:

- 1) The problems with the Museum's flagpole may be looked at after the meeting today.
- 2) Gary Burch replaced the Batfish aft A/C blower motor. Because of the way the system had been installed, it was a difficult and time consuming job.
- 3) The Navy Chiefs Museum work and graduation was discussed.
- 4) Each Museum limited grounds mowing is costing \$750. Jim Erb was to contact a prior contractor who charged \$1,400 per month to do all of the Museum's yard work for the entire eight acres.

New Business:

- 1) Jim Erb was unavailable to give Museum status and updates.
- 2) Possible operating events for Veteran's Day and Pearl Harbor were discussed. The tentative plan is to only do Pearl Harbor on the 9th of December.
- 3) Winter Field Day will be the 4th weekend in January (Sat 27th & Sun 28th).
- 4) FT-4 and FT-8 modes similarities and differences were discussed.
- 5) Michelle Cary talked about the YLRL in Utah.
- 6) Virginia and Wade reported on possible tee-shirt designs for the Museum Gift Shop. Scott Yotz Cool Tees owns the design rights for many Museum tees, including the very popular "Batfish Crazy" shirts.
- 7) The Johnny Five robot from the 1986 movie "Short Circuit" was discussed.

Next meeting scheduled for Saturday November 4th, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:41.

John Martin, Secretary