



**USS Batfish & USS Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club  
Meeting Location: Muskogee War Memorial Park  
Meeting Minutes January 06, 2024**

**Officers:**

President - Mike Manring, AE5QL

Vice-President - Earl Stutzman, KG5EWK

Treasurer - Gary Burch, W5ODS

Secretary - John Martin, W5EJK

Trustee - Wade Harris, WA5DE

The January 6th, 2024 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 10:07 local time.

Minutes of the December 9th 2023 meetings were read. A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded, and passed.

The Treasurer reported that the Club has a Cash-On-Hand balance of \$2,570.70.

**Old Business:**

- 1) Jim Erb gave a brief update on the Museum status, which was that nothing significant has changed.
- 2) Michelle Carey gave a December 7th Pearl Harbor Club event report including the number of contacts, and that 26 countries had been worked, including North Korea.
- 3) A tower trailer report was given. The two trailer tires were replaced by Robinson Tire with tires having a higher speed rating for \$241.49. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to replace the spare tire. It was mentioned that the tires should be inflated to the maximum rated pressure due to the weight of the trailer and load. All of the trailer dimensions need to be measured and recorded. Painting and maintenance will be put off until warmer weather and hopefully before the Green Country hamfest. Battery problems were uncovered during the December 7th event; what to do will be decided at the next meeting. Jim Erb offered to donate a trailer should the Club elect to make another tower trailer using the Club's other tower which is currently in storage.
- 4) The 2024 Winter Field Day event, scheduled for Saturday January 27th & 28th, was discussed. Four members so far have agreed to participate. Last year the bands were not good. A motion was made, seconded, and past to spend up to \$200.00 for event food.

**New Business:**

- 1) A change to the Bylaws to provide for voting by Zoom or a similar service as well as in-person was discussed. John Martin will send suggested wording to Mike Manring for review.
- 2) A motion was made, seconded, and passed to form a Bylaws Review Committee. Club members who volunteered to be a part of the committee were Wade Harris, Mike Manring, Jim Erb, and John Martin who will also maintain, organize, and distribute the suggested changes for comment and discussion. Recommended changes will then be voted on by the Club members.
- 3) Jim Erb discussed to possibility of the Museum using the Zoho Meeting program. If that comes to past, the Club could use it for our meetings instead of Zoom.



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4) A motion to allow Jim Erb to use the Club callsign WW2SUB while operating from the Museum was made, seconded, and passed.

5) There was a lengthy discussion of remote operation.

6) Election of Club Officers was the final item of business. The Club voted to retain the current slate of officers for another year. President - Mike Manring, AE5QL, Vice-President - Earl Stutzman, KG5EWK, Treasurer - Gary Burch, W5ODS, Secretary - John Martin, W5EJK  
The Club Trustee will continue to be Wade Harris, WA5DE

The next Club meeting is scheduled for Saturday February 3rd, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 a.m.

John Martin, Secretary