



USS Batfish & USS Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club (<https://ussbatfisharc.com/>)

Meeting Location: Muskogee War Memorial Park

Meeting Minutes June 01, 2024

Officers:

President - Mike Manring, AE5QL

Vice-President - Earl Stutzman, KG5EWK

Treasurer - Gary Burch, W5ODS

Secretary - John Martin, W5EJK

Trustee - Wade Harris, WA5DE

The June 1st, 2024 Batfish & Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club meeting was a combination of in-person and Zoom. Total attendance was 9, consisting of 5 in-person and 4 Zoom. The requirements for a quorum were met. The Tolling of the Boats event caused the Museum meeting room to be unavailable at our Club's meeting time, so the meeting was held outside under the trees at the picnic tables. Mike Manring called the meeting to order at 10:11 local time.

Minutes of the May 4th, 2024 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 \$2,107.72

Old Business:

1) Since Jim Erb was busy helping the Submarine Veterans group that was putting on the Tolling of the Boats event, Wade Harris gave a brief update of the Museum status.

2) Wade Harris gave a report on the Museum Ships Weekend status so far. There have been many DX contacts. The beam antenna has high SWR ranging from 2.0 to 3.0. The Club will resume operations after the Submarine Veterans are finished with their ceremony.

3) Field Day this year is July 22nd and 23rd. Thanks to Jim Erb, the Club will be able to have the event at the Museum. The tower trailer will be at the Museum. Mike Manring reported that he will likely have to miss field day at the Museum as he will be down for about three weeks while he is recovering from a medical procedure.

4) There was a brief discussion of the recent severe weather in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

New Business:

1) John Martin proposed a work day at the Museum to cut and remove the small trees and brush growing on the west side of the Batfish Submarine. Also, some of the LED light fixtures are damaged and need to be repaired. After some discussion of the project, no decisions were made.

2) Wade Harris reported on a free State of Oklahoma sponsored on-line Artificial Intelligence class. Information for the class can easily be found by doing a browser search for "Google AI Essentials."

3) There was a brief discussion of retrieving whatever is usable from our abandoned crank up tower base before it is covered up by the levy work at the north end of the Batfish. It was agreed that nothing of value remains, consisting only of some imbedded studs in a lot of concrete.

The next Club meeting is scheduled for Saturday July 6th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

John Martin, Secretary