



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

**Meeting Location: Muskogee War Memorial Park**

**Meeting Minutes July 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 July 6th, 2024 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. Earl Stutzman called the meeting to order at 10:09 local time.

Minutes of the June 1st, 2024 meetings were read. A motion to accept the minutes, with a Field Day month error correction, was made, seconded, and passed.

The Treasurer reported that the Club has a Cash-On-Hand balance of \$1,927.72

**Old Business:**

- 1) Jim Erb gave a report on the Museum status and updates including some maintenance issues, Tolling of the Boats event, Museum Ships Weekend event, Field Day, and a new Point of Sale system for the Museum.
- 2) Wade Harris provided details of the Field Day event. About 300 contacts were made, four operators and one visitor, bands had periods of both good and bad, and it appears that the beam antenna needs some repairs.
- 3) Wade Harris also provided details of the Museum Ships Weekend event. About 600 contacts were made, operators were Wade Harris, Jim Erb, Gary Burch, and Bruce Denny KA5ZZN. The beam antenna did not work very well but the wire antenna did. Wade also suggested that the Club have a QSL card party after next month's meeting.
- 4) A tower trailer report covered recent repairs and updates. The trailer lights were in poor condition so were repaired and rewired, a few lighting junction boxes added to aid in future troubleshooting, and a 7-pin trailer connector was installed. The tower rotor cable needs some attention, and Jim Erb offered to donate some new rotor cable that he has. It was also reported that when the trailer is being pulled, it feels "squirrely."

**New Business:**

- 1) A possible December 7th Club event was briefly discussed.
- 2) The Scouting Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) event this year is October 18th - 20th. Jamboree On The Air exposes young Scouts to ham radio and helps them meet the requirements for the associated merit badge.
- 3) Wade Harris presented a rotatable beam option for the tower trailer. Some of the existing beam antenna components are estimated to be 30 to 40 years old.
- 3) Wade Harris did a brief show-and-tell on rebuilding a home-built air-powered throwline launcher. The launcher is believed to be Club property, but no-one knows who built it and/or where it came from. If anyone has this information, please let one of the Club officers know.



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4) A few of our Club members shared details of some serious health issues they are dealing with. The Club wishes them well and a speedy restoration to good health.

The next Club meeting is scheduled for Saturday August 3rd, 2024 at 10:00 a.m at the Museum and on Zoom.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

John Martin, Secretary