



USS Batfish & USS Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club (<https://ussbatfisharc.com/>)
Meeting Location: Muskogee War Memorial Park
Meeting Minutes August 03, 2024

Officers:

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

The August 3rd, 2024 Batfish & Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club meeting was a combination of in-person and Zoom. Total attendance was 10, consisting of 8 in-person and 2 Zoom. The requirements for a quorum were met. Earl Stutzman called the meeting to order at 10:32 local time.

Minutes of the July 6th, 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 \$1,841.58

Old Business:

- 1) Jim Erb was busy with Museum duties and so could not give a report on the Museum status and updates.
- 2) Processing of QSL cards is planned after today's meeting. Postage for SQL card mailing was briefly discussed.
- 3) The Status of cleaning the Batfish and Museum building A/C condensers was covered. Gary Burch will head the project scheduled for today after our meeting.
- 4) The Museum received a \$1,250 donation from a motor cycle club.
- 5) 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.

New Business:

- 1) James Gulley, new Chairperson of the Muskogee War Memorial Park Trust Board, gave a brief report on what actions the Board had recently taken and the current status of moving the Museum, artifacts, and displays, including some details of the USS Batfish submarine relocation.
- 2) The Heartland Antique Radio Association is having their Fall Swap Meet on the Asbury Church parking lot beginning at 10:00 Oct 5th. Especially considering Oklahoma weather, October 19th is a backup date for the swap meet.
- 3) Bruce Denny has offered a TH3 Hi-Gain HF tri-bander beam antenna.
- 4) The YLRL convention and Ham-Com Zion in Utah was discussed. It was 115 degrees F that day, attendance was about 600, and during the barbeque a storm came through and caused a power outage.
- 5) The Museum's flagpole was discussed. It will be moved to the new Museum location. Allegiance Flag has offered a 10' x 15' nylon flag, which is better than polyester, for \$400.



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6) Wade Harris reported on the Oklahoma City hamfest. He stated that attendance was approximately 500 for the 100 tables.

7) Wade Harris also led a brief discussion of tee-shirt artwork created by Club member Virginia Smith.

8) A few of our Club members are still dealing with some health issues.

The next Club meeting is scheduled for Saturday September 7th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m at the Museum and on Zoom.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:29 local time.

John Martin, Secretary