



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

**Meeting Location: Muskogee War Memorial Park**

**Meeting Minutes September 07, 2024**

### **Officers:**

President - Mike Manring, AE5QL

Vice-President - Earl Stutzman, KG5EWK

Treasurer - Gary Burch, W5ODS

Secretary - John Martin, W5EJK

Trustee - Wade Harris, WA5DE

The September 7th, 2024 Batfish & Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club meeting was a Zoom only meeting. Total attendance was 9. The requirements for a quorum were met. Mike Manring called the meeting to order at 10:00 local time.

Minutes of the August 3rd, 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 \$1,853.58.

### **Old Business:**

1) Jim Erb reported that the Bison Civil, LLC contract was terminated at the urging of FEMA due to a conflict of interest problem; Alex Reynolds, former Trust Board Chairperson, is the brother of the Bison Civil owner. The Museum now has a savings account, FEMA apparently will not pay for relocating the Batfish, Jim was interviewed by Channels 2 & 23 concerning the Boat & Museum move, and the levee. The NAVY Legacy Committee is planning to come next week, the Purple Heart Association wants to help restore/replace the gangway, and efforts are being made to allow people back on board the Batfish.

2) Michelle gave a detailed report on the Club's new website hosting company, HostGator. Up-front cost is \$162 for three years of hosting, then \$9.99/month after the discounted term.

3) The Trust Board has balked at paying Gary for his work cleaning the four A/C condensers.

4) The Heartland Antique Radio Association will have their Fall Swap Meet at the Asbury Church at 10:00 Saturday, October 5th. Should something interfere with that date, October 19th is the backup date for the Swap Meet.

5) The Scouting Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) event this year is October 18th - 20th.

6) Horace Wellons reported on the Arlington National Cemetery military funeral of his NAVY relative, David Walker, Jr, who was killed during the WWII Pearl Harbor Japanese attack.

### **New Business:**

1) There was some discussion of including in the Club's December 7th event a way to honor the service of David Walker, Jr. No decisions were made as exactly how to implement this. More discussion of the event is planned for next month.

2) The Club welcomed our newest member, Mike Toole KI5EGH.

The next Club meeting will be a Zoom-only meeting and is scheduled for Saturday October 5th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. This will allow our members to attend both the Club meeting and The Heartland Antique Radio Association Swap



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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:19 local time.

John Martin, Secretary