



USS Batfish & USS Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club (https://ussbatfisharc.com/) Meeting Location: Muskogee War Memorial Park Meeting Minutes January 04, 2025

Officers:

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

The January 4th, 2025 Batfish & Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club meeting was a combination of in-person and Zoom. Total attendance was 8, consisting of 4 in-person and 4 Zoom. The requirements for a quorum were met. Mike Manring called the meeting to order at 10:15 local time.

Minutes of the December 7th, 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 \$2,018.58.

Old Business:

- 1) Jim Erb gave a Museum report. The Trust Board is now meeting at the Museum each 3rd Wednesday of the month at 09:30, a concrete drain pipe connecting the Batfish bowl to the north side of the levee has been installed, a contractor company believed to be "Bern" damaged the Batfish exterior lighting system that the Club had repaired only about ten days previously, and there are two new Museum volunteers in training.
- 2) A report on the December 7th Club event was presented. Approximately 300 contacts were made. The young girl that Wade Harris is taking care got to participate and Michelle Carrey is writing an article about that participation for the February YLRL bi-monthly publication "YL-Harmonics". Wade has requested that QSL cards be processed after the next Club meeting.
- 3) Issues with the tower trailer were discussed. The antenna rotor is missing a wire for the brake function, a capacitor inside the rotor at some point had been removed or disconnected, and the rotor needs to have some general cleaning and lubrication.
- 4) The November 2024 minutes were amended to show that there had been a motion made, seconded, and passed for the club to donate \$200.00 to the War Memorial Park as a part of our December 7th event at the Museum.

New Business:

- 1) Bob Brooks was briefly discussed. It was Mitchell Hull, KE5HWW and a past Club president, who had brought Bob to our Club meetings. Bob was a submarine veteran aboard the USS Batfish during the Korean War.
- 2) A YouTube channel for the Club was discussed.
- 3) The tower trailer tongue lock was discussed. There are some more trailer repairs and other maintenance needed.
- 4) Moving and disposing of the Club assets in the storage building was discussed.
- 5) Dan Woods is the contact person to reserve Green Country Hamfest tables. The tables are \$15.00 each.





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- 4) The Trust Board meetings are not available on the internet.
- 5) A motion to retain the current slate of Club officers was made, seconded, and passed.

The next Club meeting is scheduled for Saturday February 1st, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:34 local time.

John Martin, Secretary