



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

**Meeting Location: Muskogee War Memorial Park**

**Meeting Minutes March 1, 2025**

### **Officers:**

President - Mike Manring, AE5QL

Vice-President - Earl Stutzman, KG5EWK

Treasurer - Gary Burch, W5ODS

Secretary - John Martin, W5EJK

Trustee - Wade Harris, WA5DE

The March 1st, 2025 Batfish & Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club meeting was a combination of in-person and Zoom. Total attendance was 11, consisting of 7 in-person and 4 Zoom. The requirements for a quorum were met. Mike Manring called the meeting to order at 10:06 local time.

Minutes of the February 1st, 2025 meetings were read. A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded, and passed.

The Treasurer's report shows that the Club has a Cash-On-Hand balance of \$1,847.58.

### **Old Business:**

1) Jim Erb gave a Museum report. The Trust Board met last Wednesday, there are renderings available of how the new Museum location is envisioned to look, the existing power lines will prevent erection of the Club's tower, an ADA elevator is planned to allow visitors access to the new deck of the Batfish submarine, the State of Oklahoma will assist in the relocation cost, there will be Quonset Hut type structures at the new Museum location for storage and maintenance including a machine shop, the current Museum attendance is very low, and a public relations company has been hired to promote the Museum and its move.

2) There was some discussion about the lack of Club identification on the tower trailer. A proposed sign with cost was presented. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to spend up to \$100.00 total for two signs, one for each side of the trailer tool box. It was discovered that the proposed 10" high sign would not fit the 8" x 29" area Ray Young had measured as being available for signs. Earl Stutzman knows of a sign company that might be able to provide what signs we need and will get prices for us. Earl, Michelle Carey, and Wade Harris had additional thoughts on sign artwork.

3) Club participation in Green Country, April 11th & 12th, was discussed. The Club-reserved tables currently show to be unpaid on the Green Country website, but our reservations seem to still be secure. Dan Woods is our contact person.

### **New Business:**

1) Michelle reported on updates she had made to the Club's website.

2) Wade suggested that the Club could upgrade the meeting room projector and electronics. After some discussion, no decisions were made.

3) The Club's stock of QSL cards is getting low and a reorder is needed. Printing costs have increased and a card vendor needs to be selected very soon.

4) Potential Club events were discussed, including the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII and VE day. There was some additional discussion as to the end-of-war day being May 8th, or 9th.



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5) It was revealed that the Club is not currently shown of the list of Museum Ships Weekend participants. The event is scheduled for 0000Z 07-Jun-2025 to 2359Z 08-Jun-2025.

The next Club meeting is scheduled for Saturday April 5th, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:54 local time.

John Martin, Secretary