



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

**Meeting Location: Muskogee War Memorial Park**

**Meeting Minutes April 5, 2025**

### **Officers:**

President - Mike Manring, AE5QL

Vice-President - Earl Stutzman, KG5EWK

Treasurer - Gary Burch, W5ODS

Secretary - John Martin, W5EJK

Trustee - Wade Harris, WA5DE

The April 5th, 2025 Batfish & Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club meeting was a combination of in-person and Zoom. Total attendance is unknown as the sign-in sheet was lost at the meeting. The requirements for a quorum were met. Mike Manring called the meeting to order at 10:17 local time.

Minutes of the March 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 reported that the Museum is having cash flow problems since the organization that is supposed to provide a certain amount of money each month into the Museum's checking account is apparently not doing so. The Batfish continues to have no lighting on the port side of the Boat, and its deck flag remains unlighted. A solution for illuminating the flag is being looked into.

2) The tower trailer now has Club identification signs installed on both sides of the tool box.

3) Some Club members reported that they are not receiving all Club emails for reasons that are not yet understood.

4) Final plans for Green Country, scheduled for April 11th & 12th, were discussed. The Club tables have been paid for. Mike has a tower trailer banner.

5) The Club's stock of QSL cards is getting low and a reorder is needed. Wade will find the card design files he collected when some Club card design decisions were made last time. The discussions included e-cards, response options, and a smaller single card verses a foldable card especially considering the higher production costs existing now.

6) Potential Club activities for the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII were talked about. No firm decisions were made.

7) The Club intends to participate in the Museum Ships Weekend event scheduled for May 9th and 10th. It was mentioned that the Club may not have registered yet for the event. Ray will bring the tower trailer to the Museum.



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**New Business:**

- 1) Repairs to the Club's remote station and antenna were discussed. I was decided to make these repairs at a later date.
- 2) A "Virtual Tour of the Batfish" project was discussed. The four large and very heavy displays that were donated by Michelle Carey's company to the Club need to be moved to the Museum. Mike and Wade are currently providing for their storage. The hardware and software needed for the project to proceed was briefly discussed.
- 3) Jim Erb stated that the "Tolling of the Boats" ceremony is scheduled for May 31st.

The next Club meeting is scheduled for Saturday May 3rd, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 local time.

John Martin, Secretary