



**USS Batfish & USS Oklahoma
Amateur Radio Club
July 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes**



**Officers: President - Mike Manring AE5QL,
Treasurer - Gary Burch W5ODS,
Trustee - Wade Harris WA5DE,**

**Vice-President - Earl Stutzman WB5UUW
Secretary - Wade Harris WA5DE
Webmaster - Mike Manring AE5QL**

The July 11th 2026 USS Batfish & USS Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club meeting was held with both In-person and zoom members present. Total attendance was 6, consisting of 4 in-person and 2 on Zoom. The requirements for a quorum were met. Mike Manring called the meeting to order at 10:12 am local time.

Minutes of the June 6th, 2026 meetings was read. A motion to accept the minutes, as read was made, seconded, and passed.

The treasurer reported that the club has a cash-on-hand balance of \$1,414.64 with a single \$200 expense since last month for ARRL Club Liability insurance renewal.

Under old business The Club By -Laws are on the club web site for all to review, so there is no need to send them out to members to review. Since they are constantly available for review, and revision, it was decided to remove this item from the agenda until someone makes a request for revision.

Mike indicated that the club web sites hosting service renewal is not due till the end of 2026 and is already setup to automatically renew at that time. It was decided to remove this item from the agenda; at least till the end of the year, and only then if there are issues to address.

A brief update to the mesh network and remote station on the tower trailer project made, and that both projects seem to have stalled for the time being.

Final event updates for Museum ships Weekend and Field day were made. Wade posed a question as to how to address the MSW26 Operators Certificate be handled. Should we include everyone that showed up, of just Gary who was the only one to get on the air and operate? It was decided to only include Gary as he was the only one to get on the air that weekend due to the storms and rain.

It was reported that the cleaning out of the Museums back shed of club property was completed.

It was reported that the newly formed committee to recommend a plan / policy of what should happen club assets if the radio club should become defunct or in any way end operation had not met as of yet.

Wade has created the basic spread sheet to track the clubs assets and once completed, it will be circulated out to everyone to add to it.

Under New Business, It was requested that as a project to help the museum, that the club could help pack up artifacts for the eventual move to the new location.



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A discussion about our membership being ARRL members, and if we are at more than 50% ARRL Membership or not to maintain an ARRL Club status. It was also questioned that if we lose that status if we can continue to get the club insurance from the ARRL.

It was revealed that Earl was working on a water shield bracket for the clubs tower trailer antenna rotator which lays on its side most of the time while in the parked position.

It was also discussed what we should do with the old batteries once they are replaced and the response was to take them to a recycler to hopefully get money for the club to offset the cost of the new batteries once bought.

A request from the Boy Scouts of America came in requesting the club help with this year's Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) event in mid Oct. They requested stations, operators and the tower trailer be setup for a one day event on October 17. With some discussion, Gary and Earl both indicated they were interested as they had done it before. Wade indicated that he had requested more details of what they want or expect from us and is still waiting for a reply.

There being no further club business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 am local time.

Signed Wade Harris, Secretary