



**USS Batfish & USS Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club  
Meeting Location: Muskogee War Memorial Park  
Meeting Minutes March 04, 2023**

**Officers:**

President - Mike Manring, AE5QL

Vice-President - Earl Stutzman, KG5EWK

Treasurer - Gary Burch, W5ODS

Secretary - John Martin, W5EJK

Trustee - Wade Harris, WA5DE

The March 4th, 2023 Batfish & Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club meeting was a combination of in-person and Zoom. Total attendance was 9, consisting of 6 in-person and 3 Zoom. The requirements for a quorum were met. Mike Manring called the meeting to order at 10:17 local time.

Minutes of the January 7th and February 4th 2023 meetings were 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 \$2,861.17.

**Old Business:**

- 1) The Green Country Hamfest 2023, scheduled for April 7th and 8th, was discussed. The "reserved tables" issue appears to have been solved. The Club's banner will be displayed, but it is unclear if the wide or narrow banner will be used. John Martin reported that the banner display buckets are in poor condition, and volunteered to refurbish them. He was directed to purchase new buckets. It is planned to use the Club's TV monitor for Green Country, although the flash drive content, inverter, and inverter power source will need to be addressed.
- 2) The outdoor speaker system problem at the Museum entrance will be investigated after the meeting today. Each speaker enclosure may need to be excavated to expose the wiring.
- 3) Kevin Wade described the "ARRL Volunteers On The Air" program that was reported in a January, 2023 QST magazine article, and he thought it would be a beneficial activity for the Club. After extensive discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed for the Club to endorse the activity. Participation will be on an individual basis for this year-long activity, as there will be no specific Club event. Any potential use of the Club's call-signs will strictly follow the Club's existing rules.
- 4) The Club's "Orange Fence" project was discussed. No Club activity for this project will occur until we have dryer and warmer weather conditions. Jim Erb will acquire the needed orange fencing T-posts and attachment wire.
- 5) Jim Erb gave a report on the current status of the Museum, including the news that the Museum access road will not be permanently closed, the Museum's lease from the Port of Muskogee that expires in Q2 or Q3 will likely be extended, FEMA is yet again re-evaluating the scope of the project, some new members will be assigned to the Museum Trust Board, plans for the Museum's 50 year anniversary are being considered, and the City of Muskogee and the Muskogee Fire Department will assist in preparations for the Museum's debris burning.

**New Business:**

- 1) Museum Ships Weekend, scheduled for June 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, was discussed. The USS Batfish and USS Oklahoma are not currently included.
- 2) A motion was made, seconded, and passed to reimburse Jim Erb \$30.00 for the generator fuel he supplied for the Winter Field Day event at the Museum.

The next Club meeting is scheduled for April 1st, 2023.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:42.

John Martin, Secretary