



**USS Batfish & USS Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club
Meeting Location: Muskogee War Memorial Park
Meeting Minutes February 03, 2024**

Officers:

President - Mike Manring, AE5QL

Vice-President - Earl Stutzman, KG5EWK

Treasurer - Gary Burch, W5ODS

Secretary - John Martin, W5EJK

Trustee - Wade Harris, WA5DE

The February 3rd, 2024 Batfish & Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club meeting was a combination of in-person and Zoom. Total attendance was 10, consisting of 6 in-person and 4 Zoom. The requirements for a quorum were met. Mike Manring called the meeting to order at 10:13 local time.

Minutes of the January 6th, 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 \$2,231.64.

Old Business:

1) Jim Erb gave a brief update on the Museum status. The Museum and Batfish move is basically on hold until 2025 due to the US-62 highway Arkansas River bridge repair project. Some Batfish related problems with the contractor Bison Civil LLC, believed to be owned by the brother of Alex Reynolds, were briefly discussed.

2) The 5.1 magnitude earthquake east of Oklahoma City on 02-Feb-2024 at 23:24 was discussed. Some Club members felt it while others did not, probably due to the late-night time of the earthquake.

3) Wade Harris gave a report on the Winter Field Day event.

4) The tower trailer status and needed repairs was discussed, including tower and winch wiring. There appear to be some more battery problems. Issues with the triplexer were also discussed.

5) A report was made on the India based Zoho on-line meeting program. Zoho service for the Museum may be free for up to 50 participants for one-hour meetings instead of the regular \$24.00 per month cost.

6) It was agreed to reimburse half of the recent Zoom online bill cost to Wade Harris. Wade has been absorbing the full cost of the Zoom service for a long time. Gary Burch will handle this.

7) Remote operation for the Club, including the \$50.00 per year cost, was extensively discussed.

New Business:

1) The need for a backup Zoom operator was discussed. Dan Woods will handle this task as he already has access to a Zoom account.

2) A camera and microphone for Zoom and/or Zoho was discussed without any decisions made.

3) Green Country Hamfest, scheduled for April 12th and 13th, was well covered. Vendors who will be there, and some who won't, were discussed. The Club has five tables reserved and Wade Harris has more reserved so there should be plenty of space for Club members who want to participate.



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4) Plans were made to have some tower trailer repairs completed in March so that the Club's trailer shows well at Green Country.

The next Club meeting is scheduled for Saturday March 2nd, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

John Martin, Secretary