



**USS Batfish & USS Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club
Meeting Location: Muskogee War Memorial Park
Meeting Minutes March 02, 2024**

Officers:

President - Mike Manring, AE5QL

Vice-President - Earl Stutzman, KG5EWK

Treasurer - Gary Burch, W5ODS

Secretary - John Martin, W5EJK

Trustee - Wade Harris, WA5DE

The March 2nd, 2024 Batfish & Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club meeting was a combination of in-person and Zoom. Total attendance was 9, consisting of 4 in-person and 5 Zoom. The requirements for a quorum were met. Mike Manring called the meeting to order at 10:11 local time.

Minutes of the February 3rd, 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 \$2,136.70.

Old Business:

- 1) Jim Erb gave a brief update of the Museum status. The Museum's lease expired March 1st, and the Museum moving plans discussed in the past are now incomplete.
- 2) Repairs to the tower trailer were discussed. The battery switch was replaced at a cost of about \$43.50. The second battery bank has one or more defective cells. Anyone who has some of the old batteries from the DalTile Corporation is asked to donate the batteries to the Club to be sold for scrap to help offset the cost of new batteries.
- 3) Mike is the contact person for Green Country Hamfest plans and ideas. The Club's monitor along with a flash drive of files used in prior years, a large 12 volt battery, and inverter will be needed.
- 4) The Zoho meeting software discussed earlier will not be purchased by the Museum.
- 5) Wade led a discussion of remote operation including the need for an Uninterruptable Power Supply and software update problems. The software with a five user limit can be upgraded to 32 users at a cost of \$50.00 per year.

New Business:

- 1) Cleaning and painting of the interior of the Batfish submarine was discussed.
- 2) FEMA is requesting photographs of the water damaged mattresses.
- 3) Jim Erb has requested help in moving Museum books stored at his house back to the Museum.
- 4) Potential operating events were discussed. AARL is emphasizing activities related to the April 8th total eclipse.

The next Club meeting is scheduled for Saturday April 6th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

John Martin, Secretary