

## SMARC MEETINGS NOTES 2022 January 24

The SMARC 2022 January meeting was held at the United Steel Workers Union Hall, 339 South Hall Rd, Alcoa, TN. The meeting included a Zoom video conference.

- □The SMARC January Meeting and Zoom video conference were called to order at 1904 ET by President Bob Wilson [KK4XA]. (All references to "Bob" are to Bob Wilson [KK4XA] - *ed.*)
- A total of 27 members and guests signed the Attendance Log at the Union Hall; 14 members and guests were on Zoom.
- A thank you and round of applause to Carroll Peabody [W4PCA] for his many years of service to the club in various official positions.
- Bob thanked the former officers of SMARC and welcomed the new officers.
- Bob plugged the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) and mentioned that membership in the League gives access to the four magazine publications in digital and either "On The Air" or "QST" in print.
- Bob made aware the second session in the Technician License class is coming up. The class is taught by Paul [W4LSM] with assistance from Bob and Dave [N9KMY].
- Bob gave details on the two nets on the SMARC 2-meter repeater: the KK4XA Morning Net, Monday through Thursday at 0900 ET; and, the SMARC Check-in Net on Thursday evenings at 1900 ET. He also mentioned the "Eyeball Net" at TC's Grille on Friday mornings at 0900 ET in lieu of the KK4XA Morning Net
- Roll call of those present in the Union Hall.
- Charles [K4BAL], Health and Welfare, said several members are out with Covid. He mentioned the death of Paul's [W4LSM] dad, Tom, KO4ALE, and cards in the name of the club sent to those listed.
- Acceptance of November meetings minutes, available on the SMARC website (w4olb.org), was motioned by Mike [KK6OKU], seconded by Nick [KK4TID] and passed unanimously.
- Acceptance of November Treasurer report, available on the SMARC website, was motioned by Nick [KK4TID], seconded by Craig [NW1A] and passed unanimously.
- Dave [N9KMY], new SMARC Treasurer, announced the the current Treasurer report (spreadsheet) is available on the SMARC website and the Minutes of SMARC meetings have been moved to the Public section as required for a 501 (c) (3) organization. Dave [ N9KMY] listed plans for 2022 in the financial spreadsheet including a Refund category, a 75<sup>th</sup> SMARC Anniversary category, a

ARRL Member Renewal category (SMARC receives \$5 for new ARRL membership and \$2 for renewal) and redefinition of Repeater Fund to cover the two (2) SMARC repeaters (146.655 MHz and 443.075 MHz).

- The reclassification of SMARC from a 501 (c) (7) to a 501 (c) (3) will require payment of federal fees but none to the state of Tennessee. A motion to further pursue the reclassification was made by Ron [KO4RUZ], seconded by Craig [NW1A] and passed unanimously.
- Melvin Turner [WB5KSM] reported the Thursday Net check ins have an average of 32 over the past 6-weeks. He could use at least one more Net Ccontrol Station even if only once a year.
- David [N1ESK – via Zoom] reported on the activities of the Tax Committee, formed in 2021 November, to pursue and complete the transition of SMARC to a 501 (c) (3) organization. Above all, the Constitution of SMARC must be “repaired” in twelve (12) areas and David listed them. Two sections will be added, Articles of Incorporation and By Laws. At the February meeting, a vote will be taken to accept the new Constitution. A quorum of paid members will be required and will include the use of proxy votes as was done for the election of officers in 2021. The proxy form will be available at the SMARC website; signed proxies will be carried to the meeting by members who will attend in person.
- Jordan Webb [K4AVG], Webmaster, said the navigation bar has changed and a “Files” category added
- Dave [N9KMY] asked if the club financials (spreadsheet) should be posted after a club meeting or at the end of the fiscal month. *Resolution????*
- Steve [K4DXV] had no report on the status of the newsletter.
- Charles [K4BAL] announced the preliminary details for the SMARC 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Tentative dates for a Special Event Station on air operation are October 01 and 02. The possibly adding Friday 09/30 was discussed. A sit down dinner as part of the 75<sup>th</sup> was proposed.
- As part of the 75<sup>th</sup> celebration, a new logo for SMARC is desired. Four (4) possible designs were shown. The old logo was desired by most in attendance with the following changes: add 75 Years with a platinum outer ring (usually reserved for 70 years); change Maryville/Alcoa to Blount County; and, add 443.075, for the UHF repeater, with the 146.655.
- Nick [KK4TID] will investigate T-shirts, other apparel, coffee mugs, etc., with the 75<sup>th</sup> logo.
- Dave [N9KMY] proposed new Audio/Video equipment for the club meetings to more easily integrate Zoom as well as improve the projected images. Cost would start at approximately \$1500.

- Kurt [KC4NX] reported that the 146.655 repeater is doing well. He gave a brief history of the new 443.075 MHz Yaesu Fusion repeater. He explained the problems with a Henry 100-Watts amplifier and that the repeater committee is looking at a TPL version.
- Dave [N9KMY] gave a visual account of the 443.075 UHF repeater and the site at the Maryville water tank near John Sevier school.
- The meeting and Zoom video conference January SMARC meeting were adjourned at 2134 ET.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Loving [K9JU].