

SMARC MEETINGS NOTES 2022 February 28

The SMARC 2022 February meeting was held strictly as a Zoom video conference. This was a last minute decision by the Officers of the club. Announcements on the hour commenced at noon on the W4OLB repeater informing the members of the change.

- □The SMARC February Zoom video conference meeting was called to order at 1906 ET by President Bob Wilson [KK4XA]. (All references to "Bob" are to Bob Wilson [KK4XA] - *ed.*)
- A total of 39 members and guests were entered into the Attendance Log by SMARC Secretary Bob Loving [K9JU] as they appeared on Zoom.
- Charles [K4BAL] was absent – no Health and Welfare report was given.
- Paul [W4LSM] was absent – no Technician Class report was given although the classes continue.
- Bob asked for acceptance of the January meeting notes/minutes. Mike [K4MJF] made the motion to accept; NW1A [Craig] seconded. Unanimously passed by those in attendance.
- 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.
- Dave [N9KMY], SMARC Treasurer, presented the current Treasury report: total in the CBBC account is \$7,734.74; \$2854.74 from 2021 carryover; \$2750.00 in the Repeaters Fund; \$2274.00 from 2022 collections; and \$144.00 in expenses for the current year. There are 79 paid members, 4 Honorary members and 47, from the 2021 roster, unpaid. Bob asked to accept the Treasurer's report – Sam [KV4XY] motioned and Joe [KN4YED] seconded. Passed unanimously by those in attendance.
- David [N1ESK] reported on the new Constitution. The reclassification of SMARC to a 501 (c) (3) requires a rewrite of the Constitution with an addition of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws for the corporation, i.e., the Smoky Mountain Amateur Radio Club, Inc., a/k/a SMARC. The decision has been made to postpone the acceptance of the Constitution, etc., until the April 25 meeting of SMARC to allow purging from the club roster of unpaid members. The new documents will be presented to the membership at the March 28 meeting.
- Kurt [KC4NX] reported that a TPL 100-Watts UHF amplifier for the 443.075-MHz Fusion repeater is on order. He would like to see more activity on the Fusion repeater in order to confirm coverage predictions. The 146.655-MHz repeater is working very well.
- Bob announced that the “Leadership Meetings,” f/k/a “Staff Meetings,” are being

moved to the Thursday before the Monday club meeting date and will follow the SMARC Thursday Evening Net. This is only if that Yankee can cut the length of his useless announcements!

- Melvin Turner [WB5KSM] reported the Thursday Evening Net check ins have an average of 32 per week over the past 6-weeks. He announced three (3) new Net Ccontrol Stations: Mike [KK6OKU] for March 03, Kayla [KO4DEG] for March 10, and Jean Pierre “JP” [KO4HIL] for sometime in May (?).
- Jordan Webb [K4AVG], Webmaster, thanked Dave [N9KMY] for keeping the club website updated.
- Dave [N9KMY] proposed switching to the UHF repeater once a month for the Thursday Evening Net. Jordan [K4AVG] suggested picking a subject for discussion for the evening of the UHF repeater Net; r.g., “What antenna do you use for the UHF repeater?” No resolution at this time.
- In the absence of Charles [K4BAL], Dave [N9KMY] displayed the preliminary details for a new SMARC logo. The new logo and patch are an effort of Mike [KK4MG], “Jeremy” and Jordan [K4AVG]. Please excuse me if any other contributors were not named.
- Bob asked that a decision on the design of the logo and patch is firmed by the end of March. Jordan [K4AVG] will check with a professional Graphic Designer and report to the club. Larry [AL4B] alerted being aware of the number of pixels for the patch.
- Bob and Dave [N9KMY] presented the preliminary thoughts for a “Go Box” type of Audio/Visual system for the club. Possible equipment types and estimated costs were presented. This is a WIP (Work In Progress).
- A short video on “SWR” was shown and followed by a discussion by a panel from the membership to answer questions on the subject.
- The Zoom video conference February SMARC mneeting were adjourned at 2118 ET.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Loving [K9JU].