

## SMARC MEETINGS NOTES 2022 March 28

The SMARC 2022 March meeting was held as an in-person meeting (United Steel Workers Union Hall, 339 South Hall Rd, Alcoa, TN) and a Zoom video conference.

- The SMARC March meeting was called to order at 1900 ET by President Bob Wilson [KK4XA]. (All references to "Bob" are to Bob Wilson [KK4XA] - *ed.*)
- A total of 34 members and guests were entered into the Attendance Log at the Union Hall; SMARC Secretary, Bob Loving [K9JU], listed the 12 who appeared on Zoom (including himself due to being a klutz – *ed.*)
- Bob asked for approval of the minutes from the February Zoom only meeting; a motion to accept was made by Jordan [K4AVG] and seconded by Mike [K4MJF]. Motion was passed unanimously by those in attendance.
- Dave [N9KMY], SMARC Treasurer, presented the current Treasury report: total in the CBBC account is \$6,450.03; \$2,854.74 from 2021 carryover; \$2,750.00 in the Repeaters Fund; \$2441.00 from 2022 collections; and \$203.99 total expenses for the current year. Invoiced, but not paid for TPL UHF amplifier, \$1,413.30. Bob asked to accept the Treasurer's report; a motion to accept was made by Jim [AA0JE] and seconded by Joel [N4JHS]. Motion was passed unanimously by those in attendance.
- Dave [N9KMY] reminded all that the FCC fee of \$35 commences April 19. Anyone who's license is about to come due, that is within 90 days, should consider renewing now, before the 19<sup>th</sup>. [NOTE: There is no fee for upgrading a license class, change of email and home addresses, or name change (marriage, etc.) - *ed.*].
- 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 brought attention to the nets, including the KK4XA Morning Net (M – Th) and the new Fusion repeater on 443.075-MHz.
- David [N1ESK] reported on SMARC Constitution changes needed to proceed with changing the club to a 501 (c) (3) organization. A vote to accept changes to the present Constitution will occur at the April 25 meeting of SMARC. (NOTE: Purging from the club roster of unpaid members will occur at the end of March. - *ed.*) This will then allow the active members, about 94, to make a vote for the change. As previously announced at the January meeting, this change will make it possible to have a 2/3 vote in the future of the members present at a meeting vs. the requirement to have 2/3 of the total membership vote for changes to the constitution. Proxy forms will be sent out to members to use if they are unable to make the April meeting.

- Dave [N9KMY] reported that a TPL 100-Watts UHF amplifier for the 443.075-MHz Fusion repeater will ship to his home address. He will then deliver the amplifier to Kurt [KC4NX] for bench testing before install is arranged. The reason it is being shipped to Dave vs. Kurt? A savings in the shipping cost.
- Bob has task Charles [K4BAL], et.al., with finishing the new logo to include the UHF repeater frequency and change “Maryville/Alcoa Tennessee” to “Blount County” and list items that may be associated with the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club (baseball caps, patches, etc.).
- Bob [KK4XA] and Dave [N9KMY] described the new Audio/Visual equipment desired to make setup at club meetings more expeditious. Bob asked the membership present to authorize up to \$2,500.00 for the new equipment; a motion to accept was made by Mike [K4MJF] and seconded by Josh [WX4KXT]. Motion was passed unanimously by those in attendance.
- Bob announced that Bob Heil [K9EID] will be the (Zoom) presenter for the meeting on April 25. For all phone operators, this is a MUST to learn about the ins and outs of good audio for Amateur Radio voice communications.
- Break for refreshments from 1952 to 2003 ET.
- The presentation of the meeting was a special thank you to Carroll Peabody [W4PCA] for his many years of dedication to the club and Amateur Radio in general. A plaque in recognition of Carroll's efforts was presented to him by Bob. Carroll has now been designated Life Member status, the first such person earning that status. A “Dean Martin – Man of the Hour” type roast followed with contributions from Bob, Melvin [WB5KSM], Kelley [KR4FK], Hal [WB4E], Brad [KE4GBW], Kurt [KC4NX], Charles [K4BAL], Tom [K4TAK] and Jerry [K4WKD]. Thank you, Carroll.
- The March SMARC meeting was adjourned at 2125 ET.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Loving [K9JU], SMARC Secretary.