

SMARC MEETINGS NOTES 2022 April 25

The SMARC 2022 April 25 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 April meeting was called to order at 1902 ET by President Bob Wilson [KK4XA]. (All references to "Bob" are to Bob Wilson [KK4XA] - *ed.*)
- A total of 28 members and guests were entered into the Attendance Log at the Union Hall; SMARC Secretary, Bob Loving [K9JU], noted the 14 who appeared on Zoom.
- This meeting included the introduction of the new Audio/Visual (A/V) system designed by Dave [N9KMY] and Bob. Setup and teardown are expedited, there are enhanced interconnects for Zoom Video Conferencing and much improved room coverage with the new speaker. Thank you to Dave and Bob.
- Bob told those in attendance this meeting would not include the normal business activities due to the nature of the presentation for the evening. Therefore, the officer and committee reports were not given.
- Bob announced that the Radio Amateurs Club of Knoxville (RACK) 2022 Hamfest will occur this year on June 18. SMARC will have a table available to advertise the club and for members to sell items.
- Bob told the audience that the May meeting, after the officer and committee reports, will deal entirely with SMARC plans for the 2022 ARRL Field Day held this year on the weekend of June 25 – 26.
- David [N1ESK] explained the whys and wherefors that no vote on the new SMARC Constitution could take place at this meeting. The vote is tentatively scheduled for 2022 July.
- Bob introduced Dr. Bob Heil [K9EID] as the presenter for the meeting. [For all phone operators, this was a MUST to learn about the ins and outs of good audio for Amateur Radio voice communications – *ed.*]
- Dr. Heil began his fantastic “lecture” with historical notes of his beginnings in music and Amateur Radio. Dr. Heil went on to emphasize the importance of “articulation” in voice communications, especially on the MF and HF bands. And, Dr. Heil said “don’t forget to cut the lows and peak the highs!” [Where have we heard that statement before? - *ed.*] Dr. Heil offered to return at a later date for other presentations. All in attendance agreed that this subject matter was well delivered by someone in the know.
- The April SMARC meeting was adjourned at 2100-something ET.

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

