

SMARC MEETINGS NOTES 2022 July 25

The SMARC 2022 July 25 meeting was held as a combined in person meeting at the United Steel Workers Union Hall, 339 South Hall Rd, Alcoa, TN and as a Zoom video conference.

- The SMARC May meeting was called to order at 1900 ET President Bob Wilson [KK4XA]. (All references to "Bob" are to Bob Wilson [KK4XA] - *ed.*)
- A total of 32 members and guests signed the Attendance Log at the Union Hall; SMARC Secretary, Bob Loving [K9JU], recorded the 9 who appeared on Zoom.
- Bob started the "Ham Roll Call" in which each person present at the Union Hall introduced themselves with first name and callsign. Bob acknowledged the names and calls of those on Zoom.
- Bob thanked those who provided snacks for the meeting. (Thank you to Karen Foley, wife of K4MJF, for the cherry bundt cake – *ed.*)
- Bob mentioned the club membership is up to 105 members including 2 non-voting members (not licensed).
- Bob asked for a motion to accept the May meeting Secretary Notes and Minutes. Motion made by Mike [K4MJF]; seconded by Joe [KN4YED]. Motion was passed unanimously by those in attendance.
- Charles [K4BAL], Health and Welfare, noted two members are battling the nasty Covid: Jim, W7FKI (and his wife Mary Kay); and David, N1ESK.
- Dave [N9KMY] read the Treasurer's report. Motion to accept was made by Nick [KK4TID]; seconded by Mike [K4MJF]. Discrepancies noted by Steve [W4SDS] on the slide were not present on the spreadsheet (available at <https://w4olb.org/>). Motion to accept the report was passed unanimously by those in attendance.
- Dave [N9KMY] asked for approval of the Field Day expenses of \$225 versus \$150 allocated in the budget. Motion made by Charles [K4BAL]; seconded by Mike [KK4MG]. Motion was passed unanimously by those in attendance.
- Dave [N9KMY] asked for approval of a donation of \$150 to the Smoky View Baptist Church for use of their pavilion facilities for the SMARC 2022 Field Day. Motion made by Charles [K4BAL]; seconded by Mike [K4MJF]. Motion was passed unanimously by those in attendance.
- Bob announced that the Ed [KB4GH] and Alice Nicholls' Estate named SMARC in the will. The club has inherited \$7567.40. Should the monies be invested in a higher yielding investment or a Certificate of Deposit (CD)? No decision was made at the meeting.
- David [N1ESK] explained the intent of the vote for the changes to the SMARC

Constitution.

- After a couple of fits and starts [blame the Chicago Yankee - *ed*], the vote on the changes was taken. Per the existing Constitution, 2/3 of total active members is required to make any change(s); this equates to 70 in the affirmative. Secretary Bob Loving [K9JU] had 60 Proxies in his possession, all “yea” votes. Two “yea” votes came from Zoom (KO4WMF and KO4ZIF) and 10 “yea” votes from those in attendance who had not submitted Proxies (W8KO, KN4RYB, K4MJF, W4SDS, WD4E, KN4YED, KC4NX, K4AVG, KY4KD, and AF4SP). SMARC Secretary confirmed the total of 72 “yea” votes and zero “nay” votes. Therefore, the changes to the Constitution of the Smoky Mountain Amateur Radio Club passed. [The Chicago Cubs announcer Jack Brickhouse put it, “hey, hey!!” - *ed*.]
- Bob asked for a motion to close the business portion of the meeting. Motion made by Jordan [K4AVGL]; seconded by Mike [K4MJF]. Motion was passed unanimously by those in attendance.
- Charles [K4BAL], head of the 75th SMARC Anniversary Committee, announced the dates for the Special Event Station (SES) operations will be September 30 to October 02. Is there interest in a club dinner to celebrate the event? Send comments to Charles [address good in <https://www.qrz.com/> - *ed*].
- Melvin [WB5KSM], Thursday Evening Net Manager, noted the average attendance has dropped from the 30s to 16 over the last 6-weeks. Bob asked for a round of applause for the work Melvin has done as Net Manager.
- Kurt [KC4NX], chairman of the Repeater Committee, reported all is well with both repeaters, the 146.655-MHz and the new Fusion 443.075-MHz (100-Hz tone). Kurt desires more members to use the Fusion repeater.
- Jordan [K4AVG], Website Manager, is working on fixing a problem with the application for membership and user settings issues.
- Bob requested a volunteer to be editor for the SMARC newsletter.
- Dave [N9KMY] has submitted an article to the ARRL for publication in QST on the new Audio/Visual system developed for SMARC. The article has been accepted for the October 2022 issue of the magazine. Congratulations, Dave.
- Break for goodies was from 1952 – 2009 ET.
- Bob and Dave [N9KMY] presented photographs and the results for the SMARC 2022 Field Day exercise. Paul [W4LSM - absent] provided the data. Thank you Paul and all involved in the preparations for FD.
- The July SMARC meeting was adjourned at 2041 ET.

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