

SMARC MEETING NOTES 2022 September 26

The SMARC 2022 September meeting was held strictly as a Zoom video conference. This was a last minute decision by the Officers of the Club. Emails to smarc@groups.io were sent the previous Saturday and Sunday to inform the membership of the change. Announcements were made during the KK4XA Morning Net and on the hour commencing at noon, Monday, September 26, on the W4OLB repeater.

- The SMARC September Zoom video conference 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 31 members and guests were entered into the Attendance Log by SMARC Secretary Bob Loving [K9JU] as they appeared on Zoom.
- Bob described the generous donation to the Club by the Nichols' estate in the amount of \$7,867.40. Ed Nichols was KB4GH. The money has been temporarily deposited in the CBBC account for SMARC. Bob asked those in attendance to authorize the formation of an ad hoc Investment Committee to best decide how to achieve a higher yielding vehicle than a simple interest bearing savings account. The committee would consist of two members with investing knowledge, Joel [N4JHS] and Hal [WB4E]. A motion to accept the members for the task was made by Bob [K9JU] and seconded by Kelley [KR4FK]. The motion was unanimously passed by those in attendance.
- Charles [K4BAL], Health and Welfare, reported receiving Thank You cards from Mike [K4MJF] and Karen Foley and the family of the late Gary Mullens [AB4WK]. One of the sons of Kelley [KR4FK] is undergoing eye treatments and the club wishes him success. Charles took a tumble and it was not the fault of his lovable cat, Barney.
- Bob asked for acceptance of the notes/minutes for the 2022 August meeting. A motion to accept the August minutes was made by Joel [N4JHS] and seconded by Kelley [KR4FK]. The motion was unanimously passed by those in attendance.
- In the absence of Dave [N9KMY], Bob presented the Treasurer's report. The current balance in the CBBC account is \$12,310.43. Full details of the report and spreadsheet may be found at the SMARC website, <https://w4olb.org/>, in the Members' Section under Member Documents. Bob asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Bob [K9JU] and seconded by Kelley [KR4FK]. The motion was unanimously passed by those in attendance.
- Charles [K4BAL], a member of the SMARC 75th Anniversary Committee, announced that due to a lack of knowledge or interest, the 75th anniversary dinner, originally scheduled for early October, would be combined with the Christmas party in December. The items for the 75th anniversary from GoTeez, which

includes caps, shirts, sweatshirts, coffee mugs and decals, should be available in the next two weeks.

- Paul [W4LSM], a member of the SMARC 75th Anniversary Committee, announced the call sign to be used for the SMARC Special Event Station the weekend of 2022 September 30 to October 02 will be W4OLB/75. If at all possible, if you operate from your own station please use electronic logging software, preferably from N3FJP. On the air, announce that special QSL cards will be available in 2022 December but to please include a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE) with the QSL card. During the event, live FaceBook page and Zoom session will be active.
- Bob told the group that special thanks goes out to Josh [WX4KXT] for his work on the logo. The Club has purchased from GoTeez a cap, shirt and coffee mug for Josh totalling \$61.46. [Neat number-the 6146 was a favorite RF power amplifier beam power tetrode vacuum tube used in many early SSB transmitters - *ed.*] Bob asked for a motion to accept the charge against the Club treasury of \$61.46. A motion to accept the charge was made by Kelley [KR4FK] and seconded by Mike [K4MJF]. The motion was unanimously passed by those in attendance.
- Melvin Turner [WB5KSM] reported the Thursday Evening Net check-ins have an average of 25 per week over the past 4-weeks. Bob reminded the group of the Analog/Fusion repeater on 443.075-MHz and to please “exercise it.”
- Kurt [KC4NX] reported that both the 146.655-MHz repeater and the 443.075-MHz repeater were working very well.
- David [N1ESK] reported on the progress of the Tax Committee. The new Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the “Corporation” (i.e., SMARC) will be presented to the membership at the 2022 October meeting. The next meeting of the committee would be 2022 September 27, Tuesday, at 1900 ET on Zoom.
- Bob asked for a volunteer to edit a newsletter for the Club. The newsletter could be a quarterly publication.
- Bob asked if there was any new business; the response was crickets chirping. Was there any old business that had not yet been discussed; the same chorus of crickets responded. Bob asked for a motion to close the business meeting. A motion to close the business meeting was made by Bob [K9JU- the gravel throated Chicago Yankee] and seconded by Kelley [KR4FK]. The motion was unanimously passed by those in attendance.
- Charles [K4BAL] presented a slide show of photographs of the past activities of SMARC. Nice job, Charles, and thank you.
- The Zoom video conference 2022 September SMARC meeting was adjourned at 2028 ET.

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