

SMARC MEETING NOTES 2022 October 24

The SMARC 2022 October meeting was held as a combination of an in-person at the United Steel Workers Union Hall in Alcoa, TN, and a Zoom video conference. Announcements for the meeting were made during the KK4XA Morning Net and on the hour commencing at noon, Monday, October 24, on the W4OLB repeater.

- The SMARC October 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 38 members and one guest were in attendance at the union hall with 7 joining via Zoom video conference. The guest was Mike Huskey, KQ4DSM, from Kodak, TN. The "ham rollcall" followed with all members stating name and call.
- Charles [K4BAL], Health and Welfare, reported that no one in the club was ill. He reported that we have two (2) Silent Keys for 2022: Ray Ensley, KM4ZPC; and, Gary Mullens, AB4WK. Charles asked the members to sign the blank cards used for get well, etc., wishes. Some of the items from GoTeez, ordered by the members for the 75th SMARC Anniversary, were available at the meeting.
- Bob asked for acceptance of the notes/minutes for the 2022 September meeting. A motion to accept the September minutes was made by David [N4AER] and seconded by Mike [K4MJF]. The motion was unanimously passed by those in attendance.
- Mike [K4MJF] described the 2022 "POTA-Palooza" held at Look Rock picnic area. The area counts for POTA K-0034, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
- Bob announced the intention of some members to activate a station during the 2023 Winter Field Day to be held the weekend of January 28 and 29. The location will be the same as this year, Camp Pellissippi. Details of the 2022 operation were made by Paul [W4LSM].
- Dave [N9KMY] presented the Treasurer's report. The current balance in the CBBC account is \$12,621.34. 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 and was made by Sam [KV4XY]; the motion was seconded by David [N4AER]. 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. Some of the items for the 75th anniversary from GoTeez, which includes caps, coffee mugs and keyrings, should be available in the next two weeks.

- In the absence of Melvin Turner [WB5KSM], Bob 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. He gave details on the linking of the two SMARC repeaters which occurs only during the KK4XA Morning Net and the SMARC Thursday Evening Net.
- Bob explained how phone patches on repeaters worked and asked if there was any interest in adding a phone patch to one of the SMARC repeaters. [No consensus, yet – *ed.*]
- Dave [N9KMY] talked about the various modes of operation of the newer Yaesu Fusion repeater on 443.075-MHz. He asked if anyone has transmitted a picture or video through the repeater; Mike [K4MJF] has done so.
- Bob asked for a volunteer to edit a newsletter for the Club. The newsletter could be a quarterly publication.
- Bob told the members the Christmas Party and the 75th Anniversary Dinner would be combined. Carroll [W4PCA] said the church would not be available in December due to ongoing concerns over SARS-Cov-2.
- Bob said there was a plan to hold a bonfire at the property of Rick, W8OK. However, the TN statewide open burn ban may put a damper on the idea.
- A break was called at 1948 ET with the meeting restarting at 2000 ET.
- Bob showed the Five Band Worked All States (5BWAS) plaque earned by Chicago Yankee Bob [K9JU]. Bob also mentioned that the Yankee has attained DXCC Honor Roll which requires contact and confirmation with 331 of the 340 countries/entities on the current ARRL DXCC Entity List. The former took approximately 65-years although some periods of time were spent inactive although licensed; the latter took the 7-years y’all have put up with the Yankee down here. [See what you can do if you have a lot of time on your hands! - *ed*]
- David [N1ESK] showed a PowerPoint presentation on the new Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the “Corporation” (i.e., SMARC). David then answered numerous questions from those in attendance and on Zoom. Voting to accept the new documents of incorporation will take place at the November 28 meeting.
- A vote was taken to waive dues for two members: 1) Kelley Gunter [KR4FK] – a motion to accept the waiver of dues for Kelley was made by David [N1ESK], seconded by Bob [K9JU] and was unanimously passed by those in attendance; 2) Jordan Webb [K4AVG] - a motion to accept the waiver of dues for Jordan was

made by David [N1ESK], seconded by Sam [KV4XY] and was unanimously passed by those in attendance.

- Bob asked for volunteers for the 2022 Audit Committee. Stepping forward were Kelley [KR4FK], Hal [WB4E], Sam [KV4XY] and Joel [N4JHS]. The club extends a “thank you” to all of you gentlemen.
- Bob asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ned [K1GU] made the motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mike [K4MJF]. The motion was unanimously passed by those in attendance. The 2022 October SMARC in-person meeting with Zoom video conference was adjourned at 2114 ET.

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