

SMARC MEETING NOTES 2022 November 28

The SMARC 2022 November 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 on the W4OLB repeater.

- The SMARC November meeting was called to order at 1906 ET by Vice President Joe O'Boyle [KN4YED]. President Bob Wilson [KK4XA] is stepping aside temporarily due to medical issues.. (All references to "Joe" are to Joe O'Boyle [KN4YED] - *ed.*)
- A total of 25 members were in attendance at the union hall with 17 joining via Zoom video conference.
- Joe called for the "ham roll call" with all members stating name and call.
- In the absence of Charles [K4BAL], Health and Welfare, it was reported that three members in the club were ill: Andrew [N2AL] was down with Covid; Carroll [W4PCA] was down with Covid; and Melvin [WB5KSM] had been hospitalized and a possible heart attack was proven to have not occurred. SMARC wishes all quick recoveries.
- 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.
- There was no Thursday Evening SMARC Net activity report as Melvin Turner [WB5KSM] was absent.
- Joe asked for acceptance of the notes/minutes for the 2022 October meeting. A motion to accept the October minutes was made by Mike [KK4MG] and seconded by Jordan [K4AVG]. The motion to accept the October minutes was unanimously passed by those in attendance.
- Dave [N9KMY] presented the Treasurer's report. The current balance in the CBBC account is \$12,713.12. Full details of the report and spreadsheet may be found at the SMARC website, <https://w4olb.org/>, in the Members' Section under Member Documents. Joe asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's report; the motion was made by Jordan [K4AVG] and seconded by Nick [KK4TID]. The motion to accept the Treasurer's report was unanimously passed by those in attendance.
- After a brief explanation by David [N1ESK] of the new Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws for the Smoky Mountain Amateur Radio Club, which replace the original Constitution of the club, Joe asked for a motion to accept the new documents to govern the club . The motion was made by David [N1ESK] and

seconded by Kelley [KR4FK]. The motion to accept the new documents to govern the club was unanimously passed by those in attendance.

- Clara O'Boyle, wife of Joe, presented details for the December 09 75th SMARC Anniversary and Christmas Party. The location will be the Regal Towers Banquet Room, 453 Greenbelt Drive, Maryville, TN commencing at 6:00 PM ET. There will be \$5 per person cover charge for the meat products. Members are requested to bring sides or salads. Thank you Clara and thank you to the daughter of Pete James [WM4U] for securing the venue for SMARC.
- Joe announced there would be no regular meeting in December as the Party is the substitute.
- Dave [N9KMY] proposed that the annual dues should be increased to \$30 per year from the present \$25 per year. Dave explained the 2022 financial summary showed that after the anticipated expenses in December are figured in, the anticipated carryover into 2023 will be about \$775. The December expenses included insurance \$600, IRS fees \$600 and ballroom rental \$50. The estimated budget for 2023 will be in the range of \$2,500-\$2,675.
- With a raised hand initial vote for \$30 dues for 2023 were: Yeas 15 in person and 2 on Zoom; and Nays 4 in person and 13 on Zoom. The totals were 17 each for the Yeas and Nays. In other words, this was a tie. [Several members abstained, including that damned Chicago Yankee – *ed.*]
- After several "Friendly Amendments" to the vote, most of which were withdrawn, Hal [WB5E] made a motion to increase the dues at \$30 per year that was seconded by Nick [KK4TID]. With a raised hand vote by the in-person and on Zoom members, the results to increase the dues to \$30 per year for 2023 were: Yeas 19 in person and 2 on Zoom; and Nays 5 in person and 13 on Zoom. The total Yeas were 21 and the total Nays were 18. The motion to increase the dues at \$30 per year for 2023 was unanimously passed by the those in attendance.
- Joe brought up the subject of the monies that were willed to SMARC by the Nichols' estate, equal to \$7,867.40. Dave [N9KMY] displayed a slide of possible Certificates of Deposit (CDs) with various banks and/or Credit Unions. A motion to allow the Treasurer to determine the best route to invest the monies for the benefit of the club was made by Joe. The motion was seconded by Jordan [K4AVG]. A discussion followed in which Hal [WB4E] suggested not going too long in duration as the markets are very volatile. After much discussion and pros and cons to what was proposed from the floor, it was finally proposed [*deja vu*] as a motion by Joe to permit the Treasurer to decide the best CDs into which to invest the monies. The motion was seconded by Sam [KV4XY]. The motion to permit the Treasurer to decide the best CDs into which to invest the monies was unanimously passed by the those in attendance.
- Joe made a motion to adjourn the business meeting that was seconded by ???. The motion to adjourn the business meeting was unanimously passed by those in

attendance. The 2022 November SMARC in-person meeting with Zoom video conference was adjourned at 22026 ET.

- The program by Dave [N9KMY] on the “History or Wireless and the ARRL” will be presented at a future date.

Thank you to all in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by SMARC Secretary,

Bob Loving [K9JU].