

SMARC MEETING NOTES 2023 January 23

The Smoky Mountain Amateur Radio Club (“SMARC”) 2023 January meeting was held as a combination of an in-person meeting 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 SMARC repeater.

- The SMARC January meeting was called to order at 1901 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 28 members and 4 visitors were in attendance at the union hall with 15 others joining via Zoom video conference.
- Joe called for the “ham roll call” with all in attendance stating name and call, if applicable .
- Joe asked for acceptance of the notes/minutes for the 2022 November meeting. A motion to accept was made by Kelley [KR4FK] and seconded by Bill [KY4KB]. The motion to accept the 2022 November minutes was unanimously passed by those in attendance.
- Joel [N4JHS] gave a brief report on the results of the 2022 Financial Audit Committee. The balance in the CBBC account is \$14,044.22.
- Dave [N9KMY] gave a PowerPoint presentation of “2022 In Retrospect” along with the Treasurer’s Report. Details of the report and spreadsheet may be found at the SMARC website, <https://w4olb.org/>, in the Members’ Section under Member Documents. Dave proposed budget for fiscal 2023. Joe made a motion to accept the proposed 2023 budget; the motion to accept the proposed 2023 budget was unanimously passed by those in attendance.
- Joe asked for vote to authorize Bob Wilson [KK4XA] as a second signatory to the Club account at CBBC. The motion was made by Sam [KV4XY] and seconded by Mike [KK4MG]. The motion to authorize Bob Wilson [KK4XA] as a second signatory to the Club account at CBBC was unanimously passed by those in attendance.
- Dave [N9KMY] reported the odd monies (\$67.40) from the Nichols’ estate was placed into the Repeater Fund. The purchase of the CDs from ORNL must be in increments of \$100. Placing the monies in the Repeater Fund was unanimously passed by those in attendance.
- Dave [N9KMY] asked for a motion to move \$25 petty cash from 2022 to the General Fund. The motion was made by Joe and was seconded by Dan [KO4YLB]. The motion to move \$25 petty cash from 2022 to the General Fund was unanimously passed by those in attendance.

- Dave [N9KMY] asked for a motion to approve a separate line item in the Treasurer's Report (spreadsheet) for Life Member Fund. Dave explained this is done by the ARRL. After a discussion, the motion was made by Craig [NW1A] and seconded by Hal [WB4E]. The motion to approve a separate line item in the Treasurer's Report (spreadsheet) for Life Member Fund was passed by the majority of those in attendance.
- Paul [W4LSM] Field Day Manager asked for volunteers for Station Managers for the event. Paul discussed possible Technician and/or General Class licensing classes possibly starting in April. A new General Class Question Pool commences 2023 July 01.
- Paul announced there would be no participation in the Winterr Field Day activity as there was very little interest. [A certain SMARC Secretary escaped the north due to cold weather—no desire to FMBO! - *ed*]
- Paul announced the second SMARC 75th anniversary Special Event Station(s) will occur the weekend of 2023 February 09 to 11.
- Dave [N9KMY] told the audience there was an old CRT type television for the taking at the back of the room. [The TV was not spoken for but was subsequently delivered to the front lawn of one KK4XA. - *ed*]
- Joe gave a tribute to the fine work of Melvin [WB5KSM] for his years of dedication as the Net Manager to the SMARC Thursday Evening Net. Joe then welcomed Mike [K4MJF] aboard as the new Net manager. There was a round of applause for both gentlemen. Thank you Melvin and Mike.
- Joe asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. The motion was made by Jordan [K4AVG] and was seconded by Rusty [K9POW] ?? The motion to adjourn the business meeting was unanimously passed by those in attendance at 1959 ET.
- At 2015 ET, a very interesting slideshow program was narrated by Dave [N9KMY] on the "History of Wireless." Thank you Dave for the time and effort to assemble this wonderful program.

The 2023 January 23 meeting of SMARC ended at 2045 ET. Thank you to all in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by SMARC Secretary,

Bob Loving [K9JU]