

SMARC MEETING NOTES 2023 May 22

The Smoky Mountain Amateur Radio Club (“SMARC”) 2023 May 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. An announcement for the meeting was made during the KK4XA Morning Net on the W4OLB SMARC repeater.

- The SMARC May meeting was called to order at 1900 ET by President Bob Wilson [KK4XA]. (All references to "Bob" are to Bob Wilson [KK4XA] - *ed.*)
- A total of 23 members and 4 visitors were in attendance at the union hall with 13 others joining via Zoom Video Conference.
- Bob asked the visitors, Kirk [KI5YAJ], David [KE4FGW], and Greg [K4HSM] to introduce themselves. (Fourth visitor was Lou [WB3JKQ] who isn't a stranger by any means – *ed.*). The visitor introductions were followed the Ham Rollcall in which each member announced name and call sign.
- Bob thanked the Foleys, Mike [K4MJF] and Karen, for making the April “Trunkfest” a rousing success. At least 60 members and family members were in attendance. (That grumpy, old Chicago Yankee was acting like the octogenarian he is and could not be there to dampening the festivities! - *ed*)
- Bob announced his “ROTA” operation for June 04 to 10, inclusive, from the Cherochala Indian Bounfry camping area .
- Bob announced those members who were experiencing health problems: Charles [K4BAL] with ongoing dialysis treatments; and, Randy [K4RDJ] with a new prosthetic foot.
- Bob told the audience of the two estates that SMARC has “inherited.” One from KD4PDQ and the other from N5LXP. Details are being finalized for a possible “hamfest” event.
- Bob asked for an acceptance of the March meeting minutes. The motion was made by Josh [WX4KXT] and seconded by Dave [N9KMY]. The acceptance of the 2023 March meeting minutes therefore passed.
- Dave [N9KMY] explained the financial summary sheet as the Treasurer’s Report. The total of all accounts as of 2023 May 22 is \$15,206.86. Details of the summary sheet and a 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 which was made by Jordan [K4AVG] and seconded by Josh [WX4KXT]. Acceptance of the 2023 March Treasurer’s Report therefore passed.
- David [N1ESK] announced the work of the Tax Committee is finished. The Committee is therefore dissolved.

- A QSL card fill out party is needed to process received cards for the W4OLB/SMARC 75th Anniversary Special Event.
- Mike [K4MJF], the SMARC Net Manager announced the average attendance for the Thursday Evening Net, over the preceeding four weeks, has been 25 to 28.
- The Club repeater, W4OLB/R, was used on May 20 for support of the “Tour de Blount” Invitational Bicycle ride. Pictures of the WB4ARS Net Control Station may be found at the SMARC website.
- Lou [WB3JKQ] told the Club that the annual Radio Amateur Club of Knoxville (RACK) will be held on Saturday, June 17, at the Kerbela Temple, 315 Mimosa Avenue, Knoxville, TN. The gates open at 8:30 AM ET for the general public.
- Honorary Club Member Tim Berry [WB4GBI] extended thanks to David [N1ESK] for his work in coordinating the work on the new tower. Tim described the tower, antennas and equipment shed.
- Bob provided a short “Show and Tell” on the Chinese Baofeng UV9R and UV9R+ handheld, dual band radios.
- Bob announced that new business included the resignation of Joe [KN4YED] from the position of Vice President of SMARC. A new opportunity has arisen that Joe has accepted. Thank you for your service, Joe, and good luck in the new venture.
- Bob suggested Mike [K4MJF] as the replacement VP. David [N1ESK] noted that the By-Laws of the Club require a (special) meeting must be called to vote on the matter. It was decided that said meeting should be held as soon as possible and use Zoom Video Conference. The meeting will follow the May 25 Thursday Evening Net. (See separate minutes for that meeting at the SMARC website under “Files” and “Minutes.” - *ed.*)
- There was a break from 1957 to 2016 ET for snacks and eyeball QSOs.
- A discussion of the upcoming SMARC ARRL Field Day plans ensued.

The 2023 May 22 meeting of SMARC ended at 2105 ET. Thank you to all in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by SMARC Secretary,

Bob Loving [K9JU]

P.S.: Don't forget the KK4XA Morning Net, Monday through Thursday at 9:00 AM (0900) ET on the W4OLB/R repeater.