



# Bankhead Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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# N4IDX

Meeting Minutes: August 10, 2021

Members & Guests Present:

Ed Weatherford (KS4B)	Bruce Kelso K4BDK	Sonny Blankenship N4JDB	David Hicks N4DPH
Bud Rogers K9NOZ	Alan Hensley KE4AH	Todd Henry N9TPE	Bobby Hyatt KD4AMG
Billy Alexander KM4KTD	Todd Winsor KS4T	Blake Terry K4BTR	Tom Wright W4TFW
Tommy Lovelady AE4TL	Tim Terrell N4TMT	Steven Hoff N9FC	Rex Free KN4CI
Bruce Shelton KD4KRH	Mark Andrews N4FH	Kenneth Woody KD4ESP	David Lowery KE4DIS
Warren Kelsoe KN4MR	Martin Carraway K04NEI	Steve & Anita Vibbert KD2JSW KD2KAG	Ronny Lovelady K4RAL
Richard George KN4WPH			

Meeting called to order at 07:07 PM by Ed Weatherford- Prayer by Todd Winsor - Pledge by Ed Weatherford

The club is starting our 39<sup>th</sup> year. Introductions for all the club to the visitors.

**Minutes:** David Hicks read the minutes. David Hicks reported the June minutes are posted on the website. Contact him if you need an updated password. Motion & Second to accept July Minutes. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Previous Balance \$1156.12. Payment to Lisa Taylor for coax. Additional dues \$190.00 increased the current balance to \$1086.12. Dues are payable to the treasurer. Motion & Second to accept. Motion carried.

## Old Business:

Update on prayer requests.

- Kaye Blankenship, Sonny's sister, still taking chemo and still needs our prayers. She is back at work now.
- Todd Winsor's daughter, Donna Spivey, is now on immunotherapy and is holding her own. Darrel Spivey (grandson) is also not doing well.
- Two tables (270 & 271) reserved for the Huntsville Hamfest 8/21/21. Club frequency will be 146.27 simplex. Club gets 5% of the sale for use of the club tables. The club will be selling some of the late Neil Taylor's equipment for his wife Lisa (club motion to exempt these items from the 5% fee).
- We need to continue work at the Super Site. We will try to schedule that after the Hamfest.
- The club's anniversary will be May 7, 2022. We have a special event call sign, N4B, for an 8 hour operation, probably at the Super Site.
- Supersite- next step is to stack the tower, mount antennas, and pull feedline. Tom Wright reported the receiver for the 6m will be at the 96 site, linked with a 902MHz to the 6m transmitter at the Supersite.

## Program

- Mark Andrews gave a brief presentation on a low-noise power supply built using a computer power supply. The power supply build instructions are on his website at [www.n4fh.com](http://www.n4fh.com). He used a 60amp server power supply for \$13 from Ebay (470 ohm resistor across pins), 12.3V. This causes the power output to be about 10% low, so he added a 12VDC to 13.8VDC buck converter.

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- Anita Vibbert discussed a few POTA activations she attended. David Lowery is trying to get a park number assigned for Brushy Lake.
- Former club member, Carley Craig AD9S, is a SK.
- Todd Winsor had grab bags and Bible questions for attendees.
- Volunteers are needed to man the tables at the Hamfest.

## Next Meeting:

September 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Lawrence County EMA Office.

**Adjourn** PM.