



Bankhead Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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N4IDX

Meeting Minutes: March 12, 2024

Bruce Kelso K4BDK (Pres)	X	Sonny Blankenship N4JDB (VP)	X	David Hicks N4DPH (Sec-Tres)	X
Shawn Alred N2RSA	X	Joshua Hatton W4ZZK		Brent Robeson WB3KYJ	
Billy Alexander KM4KTD		David Holman AC7DS		Bud Rogers K9NOZ	X
Mark Andrews N4FH	X	Brenda Holman N3QVK		Bruce Shelton KD4KRH	
Lile Bickley K4NA		Steven Hoff N9FC	X	Wesley Slaton, W4CFI	
Darrel Black KD4BLK	X	John Howard KI4WLY		Clayton Senyo AI4B	
Jeff Blair N4CYZ	X	Warren Kelsoe KN4MR		Erica Senyo N4DEX	
Tom Braunshausen KN4TKB		Betty Kelso KQ4IOX		Tim Terrell N4TMT	
David Breeden KN4UVV	X	David Lowery KE4DIS	X	Blake Terry AB4BT	X
Martin Carraway K04NEI	X	Tommy Lovelady AE4TL		Tim Vinson KD4BOU	
Steve Flory W9KOP	X	Gerald McCrory, AG4SY		Todd Winsor KS4T	
Rex Free KN4CI	X	Vince Mercado KM6LFD		Kenneth Woody KD4ESP	
Steve Fry W4WPT		Ray Miller KQ4GAB		Marcella Woody KD4MKX	
Mike Fromhold AJ4SH		Jerome (Hoss)Pace AI4BI		Tom Wright W4TFW	X
Tom Grubbs, N4QYN		Jack Spiller KJ4FF			

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Bruce Kelso- Prayer by David Hicks- Pledge by David Hicks

The club is starting our 42th year. Total in attendance 18 . Visitors- 1 Kenneth

Minutes: David Hicks read the February minutes. Motion & Second

Treasurer Report:

February Balance		\$2585.56
Deposits	Dues	100.00
Expenses		0
Current Balance		\$2685.56

Motion & Second to accept treasurer report this month. Motion Carried

Old Business:

- Bobby Hyatt is now in a nursing home at Riverside in Decatur and needs our prayers.
- Sonny's mom is in the nursing home.
- Margaret Free continues to struggle and needs our prayers.
- Mark will check on getting BARC set up as an affiliated club.
- Update on Super Site & 96 Open Items.
- The SuperSite antennas are complete. The 96 site still needs antennas mounted after the frost (wasps drove us off). March 30th will be a work day at the 96 Site at 8am. Breakfast at LKK at 7am.
- The 444.775 is down. Someone backed into a guy wire, making it unsafe to climb in the future. Sonny needs to take down the damaged 444.775 tower and will need some help.
- Bruce brought up the plan to form a new club using Ed's call sign (KS4B).



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- Rex reported that the 444.775 repeater was re-coordinated to 443.100 PL107.2 It is linked to the 27 repeater and is working now, thanks to Rex, Harlie, & Tom.
- Steven Hoff reported on the Incident Command System. ARES members need a Skywarn training every 2 years plus ICS100 & ICS700. The ARES director need ICS200 & ICS800. FEMA Incident Command System Independent Study has the courses.
- Tom Wright created the documents and we established the Bankhead DX Group. The current call sign is KQ4NRO. Bruce will contact Anita Weatherford to get the letter allowing us to apply for Ed's KS4B call sign as the club class sign. Because folks can't hold duplicate roles in multiple clubs, the leadership of the Bankhead DX Group is as follows:
 - President & Callsign Trustee- David Hicks, N4DPH
 - Tom Wright: Vice President
 - Rex Free: Treasurer
 - Sonny Blankenship: Director

Program:

- Rex Free spoke about the Skywarn Linked Repeater system. Local Area Link Frequency Network connects repeaters across Southern Middle TN and North Alabama. LALF Frequency of 445.500 connects the VHF repeaters. HSV, Moulton, Fabious, Park City, Winchester, Brickhatton. The DTMF codes are A696 to bring up the link and B696 to take it down. Each county has their own local net, then a liaison sends the net results to the weather service. Rex showed Google Earth maps with the locations of the repeaters.

New Business:

- Voted on MS TEAMS for folks who can't attend the meeting. Steven & Martin will help manage it.
- We are blessed to have a new amp donated to use on the 443.100 repeater.
- Mark Andrews bought plaques for Anita Weatherford & Betty Burnett. The club will waive his dues and he will donate the rest to the club.
- The Forest Service will come to inspect the sites (the 30 year, 0 cost lease expired for the 96 sites- TVA, JWEMC, BARC). Tammy will meet with them on renewal on April 2nd.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting Tuesday, April 9, 2024 @ 7:00pm at Lawrence County EMA.

Adjourn 8:10 pm.