



# Bankhead Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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# N4IDY

Meeting Minutes: April 9, 2024

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

**Minutes:** David Hicks read the March minutes. Motion & Second

**Treasurer Report:**

March Balance		\$2685.56
Deposits	Dues	60.00
Expenses		0
Current Balance		\$2745.56

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

**Old Business:**

- Todd Winsor is in need of prayers.
- 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).
- 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 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
- 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.

## Program:

- Martin & Steven will talk about how members can access our meetings through TEAMS if they can't attend in person. EMA has a specialized monitor to use for our meetings.
- Steven demonstrated a Meshtastic LoRa digital mode. You set up a node at your home and then Bluetooth from your phone to the transmitter. The digital text message will hop from node to node like a tiny repeater (160mw). In ham mode, you can run up to 10w. A repeater is about \$150. The Bluetooth node is about \$60. This is similar to a linked repeater system of many small nodes that doesn't rely on much infrastructure

## New Business:

- We will do a t-shirt order at the May meeting.
- Field Day- Mark Andrews will be the Chairman. Tentatively looking at the Lion's Club.
- GigaParts is having a special day April 20<sup>th</sup> with sales.
- The Forest Service inspected the sites (the 30 year, 0 cost lease expired for the 96 sites- TVA, JWEMC, BARC). They had a list of items to complete prior to a reinspection in September (yard mowed regularly, remove ladybugs, hardline, lichens on the roof, and put all hardline in conduit). We will put the 6m repeater actions on hold until the situation is resolved with the Forestry Service.

## Next Meeting:

Next meeting Tuesday, May 14, 2024 @ 7:00pm at Lawrence County EMA.

**Adjourn** 8:03 pm.