



# Bankhead Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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Meeting Minutes: August 13, 2024

Bruce Kelso K4BDK (Pres)	X	Sonny Blankenship N4JDB (VP)	V	David Hicks N4DPH (Sec-Tres)	x
Shawn Alred N2RSA		Joshua Hatton W4ZZK		Frances Spiller N4KIB	
Billy Alexander KM4KTD		David Holman AC7DS	x	Brent Robeson WB3KYJ	
Mark Andrews N4FH	X	Brenda Holman N3QVK		Bud Rogers K9NOZ	X
Lile Bickley K4NA	X	Steven Hoff N9FC	X	Bruce Shelton KD4KRH	
Darrel Black KD4BLK	X	John Howard KI4WLY		Wesley Slaton, W4CFI	
Jeff Blair N4CYZ	X	Warren Kelsoe KN4MR	v	Clayton Senyo AI4B	
Ken Bradley KQ4RNK	x	Betty Kelso KQ4IOX	x	Erica Senyo N4DEX	
Tom Braunshausen KN4TKB		David Linderman KQ4EA	x	Tim Terrell N4TMT	X
David Breeden KN4UVV	X	David Lowery KE4DIS	X	Blake Terry AB4BT	
Martin Carraway K04NEI		Tommy Lovelady AE4TL		Tim Vinson KD4BOU	
Steve Flory W9KOP		Gerald McCrory, AG4SY	x	Todd Winsor KS4T	X
Rex Free KN4CI		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	
Tom Grubbs, N4QYN		Jack Spiller KJ4FF			
		Hugh Stutts, N4HMS			

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Bruce Kelso- Prayer by Todd Winsor- Pledge by Todd Winsor

The club is starting our 42<sup>th</sup> year. Total in attendance 20 . Visitors- 2 Ryder Bayne & Christopher Espy

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

### Treasurer Report:

July Balance		\$2340.00
Deposits	Dues	
Expenses	Insurance AMBA \$ 249.00	249.00
Current Balance		\$2091.00

Motion & Second to accept treasurer report this month. Motion & Second. 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.
- Jim Martin's wife fell and broke her pelvis and needs our prayers.
- Mark will check on getting BARC set up as an affiliated club.
- The SuperSite antennas are complete. The 96 site still needs antennas mounted after the frost (wasps drove us off).
- Participation at the EMA during Skywarn weather events would be appreciated.
- WPSD= Software for hotspot



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- The Forest Service will come to inspect the sites (the 30 year, 0 cost lease expired for the 96 sites- TVA, JWEMC, BARC). No further news as of 8/12/24.

## Program:

- Video about a potential loss of spectrum in the 900Mhz band:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGMg8lwR2lg&t=30s>
- Tom Wright gave additional info on the 900Mhz band plan. Repeaters normally use 902-903 and 927-928. Utilities also use those frequencies, so they may fight the proposed rule making.

## New Business:

- Sonny paid for three tables (273, 274, 275) at the Huntsville Hamfest on August 17 & 18<sup>th</sup>. Motion to pay for Blankenship club shirts as thanks for the Hamfest tables. Motion carried.
- Sonny priced a 100 ft lift for use at the 96 site, but it was about \$6000 and required them to deliver it with an 18 wheeler and have insurance.
- David Hicks spoke with Kell Whitlow about climbing the 96 tower to install the remaining two antennas. Kell is moving and busy with work, but thought maybe sometime in September he could climb.
- Antennas needed for 96 site- 6m receive, 900 mhz transmit, Ubiquity, & Meshtastic. David Hicks will contact Kell Whitlow to see about scheduling.
- Motion to collect 5% of sales to the club (except for Tony Roger's estate).

## Next Meeting:

Next meeting Tuesday, September 10, 2024 @ 7:00pm at Lawrence County EMA.

Steven Hoff will present on Meshtastic.

**Adjourn** 7:45 pm.