



Bankhead Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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Meeting Minutes: April 8, 2025

Bruce Kelso K4BDK (Pres)	x	Sonny Blankenship N4JDB (VP)		David Hicks N4DPH (Sec-Tres)	V
Shawn Alred N2RSA	x	Joshua Hatton W4ZZK		Jack Spiller KJ4FF	
Billy Alexander KM4KTD		David Holman AC7DS	x	Frances Spiller N4KIB	
Mark Andrews N4FH		Brenda Holman N3QVK		Brent Robeson WB3KYJ	
Lile Bickley K4NA		Steven Hoff N9FC	x	Bud Rogers K9NOZ	
Darrel Black KD4BLK	x	John Howard KI4WLY		Bruce Shelton KD4KRH	
Jeff Blair N4CYZ		Warren Kelsoe KN4MR	V	Wesley Slaton, W4CFI	
Ken Bradley KQ4RNK		Betty Kelso KQ4IOX	x	Clayton Senyo AI4B	
Tom Braunshausen KN4TKB		Larry Kimbrough, KS4AK	X	Erica Senyo N4DEX	
David Breeden KN4UVV		Bartlett Kimbrough		Hugh Stutts, N4HMS	
Martin Carraway K04NEI	x	Elizabeth Kimbrough	X	Tim Terrell N4TMT	
Steve Flory W9KOP		Larry Lang N4KLT		Blake Terry AB4BT	
Josh Cook KO4KZL	x	David Linderman KQ4EA		Tammy Vinson K4TDV	
Shane Elkabetz, KR4AYF	X	David Lowery KE4DIS	X	Tim Vinson KD4BOU	
Rex Free KN4CI	V	Tommy Lovelady AE4TL	x	Todd Winsor KS4T	x
Steve Fry W4WPT		Gerald McCrory, AG4SY		Kenneth Woody KD4ESP	
Mike Fromhold AJ4SH		Vince Mercado KM6LFD		Marcella Woody KD4MKX	
Tom Grubbs, N4QYN		Ray Miller KQ4GAB	X	Tom Wright W4TFW	x
		Jerome (Hoss)Pace AI4BI			
		Jack Puckett KG4RLS	x		

X = present V= Virtual/zoom

The February meeting was postponed because of the Skywarn Storm Spotters class on 2/11/25.

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

The club is starting our 42th year. Total in attendance 20

Minutes Betty Kelso read the January 2025 minutes. **Motion & Second. Motion Carried.**

Treasurer Report:

January Balance		\$2668.73
Deposits		0
Expenses		0
Current Balance		\$2668.73

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

Old Business:

- Margaret Free continues to struggle and needs our prayers.
- Participation at the EMA during Skywarn weather events would be appreciated.
- W5YI will assist us to get KS4B assigned to the Bankhead DX Group when it comes due on 4/10/25. David Hicks will send the form and \$80 fee in time to get ready.



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- Harlie & Rex looked at the 96 site and swapped out a PolyPhaser on the 6m repeater, fixed some issues with several repeaters. Harlie donated the 2m remote base on 442.425.
- Tom Wright wants to put an HF remote base at the SuperSite.
 - Motion by Tommy Lovelady to see about having the Christmas party at the EMA & have the food catered. Second by Steven Hoff. Motion passed.
 - The tower at the EMA is split and unsafe. Tammy Vinson offered to investigate moving the repeater antenna to a taller tower. We may be able to get TVA to pay for the new antenna, feedline, and tower climbing.
 - Rex proposes to get a backup repeater for 96. It would cost about \$900 for a used repeater. A new repeater would be about \$1800. Discussed getting a hybrid (analog/digital). Donations from club members are enough to cover the costs.
 - Dues are payable.
 - Henry Amp was hit by lightning. It cost \$765.20 for the repair. David Hicks is filing a claim with our insurance. It may be denied without direct proof of lightning.
 - Tailgate party- April 26th at the Lions Club. Do insurance Inventory.
- The antenna and shack at Sonny's need repair. He will give us some estimates to see if the club can support the project.
- Martin has four Meshtastic nodes coming in soon. He would like to position them around the county.

Program:

Meshtastic has a BARC channel for club members only. MQTT allows info to go out on the internet as well as

New Business:

Work day at the SuperSite May 3, 2025.

- 2m & Dual Band antenna, UHF Repeater Antenna for DMR, ½" hardline already on the tower, Need LMR400 for dual band, repeater installed
- Tailgate party- April 26th at the Lions Club. Do insurance Inventory.
- Rex explore MagicJack and VOIP if he can get JWEMC to turn on the FlashFiber they promised.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting Tuesday, May 13, 2025 @ 7:00pm at Lawrence County EMA

Adjourn 7:52 pm.