

Benton Amateur Radio Society

Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2024

The Benton Amateur Radio Society met June 2, 2024 at the Bauxite City Hall. There were 15 members and 4 guests present.

President Phil, KE5KWO called the meeting to order at 2:39 PM. This was followed by Alli, K5ALI, the Secretary/Treasurer, reading the Minutes from the April 7, 2024 meeting and the current Treasurer's report. A motion was made by WD5C, Larry and seconded by K5BKT, Peg to accept both as read. The motion passed.

Old Business:

K5ALI, Alli, advised that there is no news regarding the bank account. She will send the details to Phil regarding setting up his profile and will follow up with BankOZK.

James, KI5FGS reported that he obtained a list of licensed Hams from QRZ and did his best to weed out members, silent keys, those with expired licenses, and those who have moved. He mailed out about 275 postcards and will try to mail the rest before the October meeting. Prior to that second mailing, Peg, K5BKT and James will get together to go over the rest of the list. 2 visitors present were recruited because of these postcards.

Facebook advertisements were discussed again, including suggested topics, runtime, and budget. It was decided that advertising our upcoming meetings and Field Day would be the best use of our money. Alli, K5ALI will look into the details and specifics of Facebook advertising. Lynn, KI5AIT made a motion that we set a \$50 budget to start. James, KI5FGS seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Field Day 2024 was discussed and related tasks were assigned. The details of these assignments are attached. 7 members present were available to operate at Field Day, with 2-3 maybes. It was decided that K5NE would be a 1A station this year. Martin Hoover, W5WPS mentioned that he had a friend that might be interested in running digital at Field Day. Alli, K5ALI took down his number and will reach out. Setup was scheduled to begin around 8-8:30AM Friday.

New Business:

Lynn, KI5AIT proposed that the meeting time be moved due to conflicts that often occur on Sunday afternoons. Options discussed were moving the meetings to Sunday evenings, moving the meetings to weekday evenings, or switching back and forth from Sunday afternoons during the short, winter days to something else during the longer, summer days when most of the conflicts occur. Concerns including religious conflicts, confusion around switching back and forth twice a year, and weeknight attendance were voiced. The topic was tabled until the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by K5RAR Bill and seconded by WD5C, Larry. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alli Porterfield, K5ALI

Secretary/Treasurer