

Benton Amateur Radio Society

Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2025

The Benton Amateur Radio Society met April 6, 2025 at the Bauxite City Hall. There were 12 members and 1 guest present. Due to recent thunderstorms, there was no electricity.

President James, KI5FGS called the meeting to order at 2:42 P.M. This was followed by Secretary/Treasurer Alli, K5ALI, reading the minutes from the February 2, 2025 meeting and the current Treasurer's report. A motion was made by K5BKT, Peg, and seconded by WD5C, Larry, to accept both as read. The motion passed.

Old Business:

Jason, AA2N, asked the group how Field Day works. There was some general discussion from the floor, describing the basics: begin some setup on Friday, continue setup Saturday morning, kickoff at 1PM, work in shifts to ensure coverage, and that we usually pass sign-up sheets around in June. The group tossed out some basics for what is needed at Field Day, including radios, a generator, antennas, and snacks. N1LUG, Joe, asked if a club could operate two stations with the same call sign. Yes, but it depends on the specifics of our set up, such as how many stations, what frequency we are on, etcetera.

New Business:

Larry, WD5C reports that Bobby, N5YLE, had 2 major lightning strikes. He is currently replacing everything from wall outlets to well pumps to coax and power supplies. The strikes were so powerful that they blew the water main out of the road, outlets out of walls, and even the top off the cable box by the road. Thankfully, no injuries were reported. James, KI5FGS, asked about Bauxite Net Control responsibilities while he is off the air. Someone will pick it up in his absence.

Vice President Martin, W5WPS, lightened the mood with a joke: Why are scarecrows so good at what they do? They're outstanding in their field! He followed this with an open invitation to "come operate a dang radio" at Field Day.

K5BKT, Peg, asked Martin what he's been up to lately. As it turns out, he has been all over in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and the Ouachita mountains doing POTA. He even took a blind ham he met on the Arkansas POTA Facebook page, AJ5SJ, with him on some of these adventures.

Dan Hobby, KF5DAN, was recommended for membership by Peg, K5BKT. Larry, WD5C seconded her recommendation and he was unanimously approved.

Larry, WD5C, moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by K5BKT, Peg. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 3:12 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alli Porterfield, K5ALI

Secretary/Treasurer