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Minutes First Quarter / Annual Corporate Meeting

1:30 PM CDT, Saturday, February 22, 2025 Raytown Amateur Radio Club, One Spirit United Methodist Church 7900 Blue Ridge Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64138

- 1. Call to Order Randy Schulze, W0ICQ
- 2. Welcome to the Raytown, Missouri!
- 3. Roll Call of Member Organizations with Representatives
 - a. Randy Schulze, WOICQ, Raytown and Hams In Space
 - b. David Hinkley, KA0SOG, Lees Summit Greenwood and Raytown
 - c. Charles Van Way, N0CVW, WW1USA, JCRAC
 - d. Kristl Thompson, KR1STL, Warrensburg Area ARC
 - e. Kenny Thompson, K0BCF, Warrensburg Area ARC
 - f. Bret Kuhns, W0VK, Sedalia-Pettis ARK
 - g. Keith Kaiser, WA0TJT, PCARC
- 4. Moment of Silence in Reembrace of Our Friend, Joe Krout KR0UT-SK

5. Secretary's Report (Charles Van Way, with Dave Hinkley supporting))

- a. Minutes from the October 26, 2024 Meeting
- **b.** Any New Membership Applications to the Council none
- **c.** Status of ARRL Foundation Grant Application pending, waiting on 501(c)(3) conversion

6. Treasurer's Report (Jerry Chamberlain)

- **a.** Regular Report (attached)
- **b.** Approve Expenses none
- **c.** Update regarding our 501(c)(3) Status Pending

7. Regular Committee Reports

a. Activities Committee – Keith Kaiser, Chair – no report

- b. Recognition Committee Kristl Thompson, Chair no report
- c. Issues Committee, Bill Gery, Chair no report

8. Elections:

- a. Annual Elections: David Hinkley Presiding
 - i. Chairman
 - 1. Randy Schulze, Incumbent
 - 2. Nominations from the Floor None
 - 3. Approved
 - ii. Secretary
 - 1. Charles Van Way, Incumbent
 - 2. Nominations from the Floor None
 - 3. Approved
 - iii. Board Member:
 - 1. Bill Gery, Incumbent
 - 2. Nominations from the Floor None
 - 3. Approved
 - iv. Board Member:
 - 1. Keith Kaiser, Incumbent
 - 2. Nominations from the Floor-None
 - 3. Approved
- **b.** Provisional Election to Fill the Remaining Term of Board Member, Joe Krout, with Consent of the Membership.
 - 1. In lieu of no provisions in the bylaws, consent from the Member Organizations to allow Special Election to elect a member to fill the remaining term of 1 Year to the seat vacated by Joe Krout.
 - a. Approved
 - 2. Contingent on the consent f the member organization through the vote described in 7-b-1-a; Elect member to serve in the remaining 1 Year Term for a Seat on the Board of Directors.
 - a. Nomination of Bret Kuhn, President, Sedilia-Pettis Amateur Radio Klub.
 - b. Nominations from the Floor None.
 - c. Approved
- **9.** Amendment to Bylaws to provide Instructions for Replacing Organization Officers who have left office, unplanned, leaving a vacancy: See Attached for details.
 - a. Instructions for the Amendment of By-Laws: Attached.
 - i. Website reference: <u>https://mokancouncil.org/Councul_Resources/BylawsReformatted.pdf</u>
 1. Review Article 8: Amendments,
 - b. Appointment of the Amendment Committee as per the bylaws.
 - **c.** Explanation for the Need to Amend the Bylaws:

- i. When the bylaws were created, we did not anticipate an unplanned vacancy by any of our Officers or Board Members. The recent and unexpected passing of our friend and Board Member, Joe Krout has brought this omission into focus. The amendment of our bylaws should correct this issue going forward.
- d. Refer to the attached *Consideration for Change in By-Laws*" Attached at the end of the agenda.
- e. Actions taken:
 - i. Motion for Option 1 Not approved
 - ii. Motion for Option 2 Approved
 - iii. Discussion
 - iv. Appointment of the Amendment Committee as per the bylaws. Dave Hinkley, Charles Van Way, Keith Kaiser Committee to meet before next meeting to evaluate the proposed changes and make any editorial changes necessary.

10. Regular Business:

- a. 2025 ARRL Division Convention:
 - i. Latest Status of the Project.
 - ii. What will the Member Organization do to assist SPARK

b. KCMesh Project and Mo-Kan Support.

- i. Report on the status of the KCMesh Project by Bill Gery (attached)
- c. 2025 Marks the Ten-Year Anniversary of the Mo-Kan Council!



- d. Mo-Kan Recruiting Efforts: (Randy Schulze) Ongoing
- e. Ongoing Project Status:
 - i. Ham 403 Training Events nothing scheduled
 - f. Mo-Kan Elmer's Table: Coming to a Hamfest Near You!
- g. The Mo-Kan Council now has an FCC Club Call sign: K0MKR

Old Business:

11. "Proud Mo-Kan Member Icon on your websites!

a. For Placement on *Your* Organizations Website:



12. No New Business from the Floor

13. 2nd Quarter Meeting:

Raytown Hamfest, April 12, 2025 Raytown High School 6019 Blue Ridge Boulevard Raytown, MO

14. Adjourn

Attachments

KcMesh status as of January 18, 2025

1 Operational link between Providence and St John hospital (Thanks To Rick NJOP).

2. KCMO/W00EM, have developed a site plan for the W00EM location. Planned install spring 2025

3. Meet with Johnson County EM to survey EOC and new Courthouse. Working with EM staff to include Mesh in the EOC redesigned.

4. Roswell Tower. Waiting for weather and climber availability. Nodes have been updated to the latest version.

5. Currently two supernodes are configured and linked. Tom Egale has the equipment for the third supernode and is working on it.

6. Salvation Army Communication Van has an Ip phone installed.

7. All of the tunnels migrated to wire guard at KA2FNK QTH. Working on Chucks QTH and will migrate Tom's location when new hardware is in place.

8. JCCC node location to be surveyed as soon as weather permits.

9. Need to get with Matt May and update mesh nodes on the Wyandotte County EOC.

10. Monthly Zoom KCMesh meetings. Fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:30PM

11. Backup power at KA2FNK QTH completed.

Financial Report, 3rd MOKAN COUNCIL Qtr 2024

Commerce	opening	\$1,409.55
oct	service charge	-\$5.00
nov	service charge Mesh expansion	-\$5.00
dec	service charge expenses approved	-\$5.00
Total		\$1,394.55

Consideration for Change in By-Laws Mo-Kan Regional Council of Amateur Radio Organizations, Inc. January 18, 2025

Motion to Create By-Laws Article to Provide Instruction in the Event that an Office on the Board of Directors is Vacated Unexpectedly:

In December of 2024, a member of the board of directors passed away unexpectedly leaving one year remaining in the two-year term of office. There is no existing procedure of instruction in the by-laws to remedy this situation.

The Chairman is proposing one of the two options for a motion below:

Motion Option 1:

Create the Following By-Law:

Article 11: Unexpected or Unplanned Vacancy in the Office of Any Member of the Board of Directors.

Article 11A, Definitions:

- 1. For the purpose of this article, Board Member shall mean: Any Elected Officer including Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, or any of the four Delegate Members of the Board of Directors.
- 2. While the Treasurer is a Trusted Advisor to the Board of Directors, and attends all Board Meetings, the Treasurer is not elected as a Member of the Board, but is appointed by the Chairman, and serves at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.
- 3. Vacancy shall mean the absence of any Board Member during their unexpired term of office due to resignation, severe illness, death, or termination with cause by order of the majority vote of the Board of Directors, of by any board member forfeiting the office through a voluntary absence of three or more consecutive months.

Article 11A, Procedure:

- 1. The Chairman or Designated Executive shall:
 - a. Declare that a vacancy exists on the Board of Directors.
 - b. Call for Nominations to fill the remaining term of office.
 - c. Call a Special Election to be held at or before the next quarterly meeting.
- 2. The candidate elected to the vacant office shall serve in that office until the current term expires at which time the new office holder may run for re-election.

Motion Option 2:

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Article 11A, Procedure:

- 1. The Chairman or Designated Executive shall:
 - a. Declare that a vacancy exists on the Board of Directors and as such, an emergency exists.
 - b. With the advice and consent of the remaining Board of directors, appoint an individual to assume the remaining term of the vacancy.
- 2. The candidate appointed to the vacant office shall serve in that office until the current term expires at which time the new office holder may run for re-election.