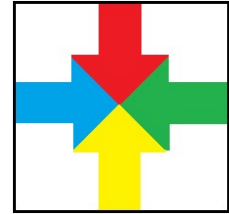


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**Meeting Minutes  
Second / Third Quarter Meeting  
7:00 PM CST, Thursday, July 29, 2021  
Zoom**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call of Member Organizations with Representatives**
  - a. Charles Van Way N0CVW Secretary Treasurer. WW1USA
  - b. Randy Schulze KD0HKD, Chairman
  - c. Greg Wolfe KI0KK Santa Fe Trail
  - d. Jen Albright KE0VFG President, Raytown ARC
  - e. Kristl Thompson KR1STL President, Warrensburg ARC
  - f. Dave Hinkley KA0SOG President, Lees Summit/Greenwood ARC
  - g. Bill Geary KA2FNK President, Johnson County Radio Amateurs Club
3. **New Membership Applications to the Council**

No new applications for membership
4. **Secretary-Treasurer's Report**

Checking balance:	\$717.96
PayPal balance:	\$333.28
Cash:	\$0
Total:	\$1051.24

  - Kristl Thompson will purchase a microphone for \$50 to donate it to the Council, to use for an award.
  - The 990-N form has been filed with the IRS for 2020.
  - The state incorporation form has been filed.
5. **Minutes from the February 20, 2021 Meeting**

Posted on the website. Approved.

## 6. Regular Committee Reports

- a. Activities Committee – Keith Kaiser, Chair **No report**
- b. Recognition Committee – Larry Staples, Chair **No report**
- c. Issues Committee, Bill Gery, Chair **No report**

## 7. Regular Business

- a. **Working on an Idea for Fund Raising in the COVID World  
Presentation on the Challenge Coin Campaign**  
KR1STL – Kristl Thompson: Warrensburg AARC

Power Point presentation of the Warrensburg Club. Challenge coins are starting to be used for amateur radio. The company they used is Signature Coins. 300 coins at \$4.00, waive set-up fee for minimum, 2” coins. (She recommends smaller, 1 ½” coins, as a better size). Design both sides, with art work provided. Examples for Raytown, Warrensburg. Special incentives: For extra appeal, use numbered coins, Certificate of Authenticity, high quality coin capsule. They ordered 50 coins with numbers and capsules (sold for \$50), then 250 without numbers (sold for \$10). The whole order of 300 coins cost about \$1170. They broke even after only a couple of months, from sales to club members. Going forward, she felt that coins could be use to memorialize Silent Keys, with laser engraving of the individual’s call. Or a club could sell personalized coins with a space for engraving individual call or name.

What can Mo-Kan do to facilitate this for member clubs. We could post on our website, recommend this to member clubs, and generally publicize the effort. In the discussion, it was pointed out that Mo-Kan coins might not be big sellers, since we really are just a board of directors with no more than 20 members. The real potential for this will be our member clubs.

- b. **KC Mesh Project and Mo-Kan Support.**  
**Presentation on the KC Mesh project**  
KA2FNK – Bill Gery, JCRAC

Initial backbone nodes: Wyandot EOC, Roswell Tower, Truman, KCMO EOC, KU Med, Advent. Equipment would be installed on all of these. Site surveys are going on. Frequencies would be 3g or 5g, depending on site and distance. With the initial effort, we can now use IP phones usable on the net so that communication can be use in emergency or for public service. The purpose will be to build a “demonstration project”, which can then be used to obtain more funding through grants or other methods. Local foundations might also be tapped for grant funding or contributions, or local businesses.

Fundraising is in progress. Estimate of cost per site is around \$500 up to \$1000, for a total of about \$3,000 for the demonstration network. Can we use MOKAN as a fundraising

arm, so that contributions can be deductible? We would have to be a 501(c)(3), which seems to be the case. Alternatives could be to use one of the county emergency management groups to receive funds.

**8. Carry Over from February – Committee to Refine Eagle Award**

KD0HKD – Randy Schulze, Raytown ARC

We have formed a committee to lay out the guidelines and specifications for the awards, such as who is eligible, and what is the criteria for the awards. Dave Hinkley is chair, and the other members are Kristl Thompson and Jeff Darby, who will follow up.

**9. Next Meeting:**

Fourth Quarter Meeting to be determined during October, November, December, 2021.

**10. Adjourn**