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# Minutes

Fourth Quarter Meeting 10:00 AM CST, Saturday, December 2, 2023 One Spirit United Methodist Church 7900 Blue Ridge Blvd, Raytown, MO 64138

- 1. Call to Order Randy Schulze, W0ICQ
- 2. Welcome to Raytown! Jen Albright N0VVX, President, Raytown ARC.

# 3. Roll Call of Member Organizations with Representatives

- a. Randy Schulze WOIC, Raytown ARC, President
- b. Dave Hinkley, KA0SOG, Raytown ARC, Vice Pesident
- c. Charles Van Way N0CVW, WW1USA, Secretary
- d. Jerry Chamberlin, W0ZX, JCRAC, Treasurer
- e. Kristl Thompson, KR1ST, Warrensburg ARC
- f. Dwane Lucas, KB9TQJ, Twin Lakes ARC
- g. Richard (Rick) Wade, KD0CNC, Twin Lakes ARC
- h. Keith Kaiser W0TJ Scouting
- i. Bill Gery KA2FN JCRAC
- j. Joe Krout KR0UT Jayhawk ARC
- k. Jen Albright, N0WX, Raytown ARC
- 1. George McCarville, WB0CNK, Santa Fe Trails ARC

# 4. Secretary's Report (Charles Van Way)

- a. Minutes from the August 5, 2023, Meeting
- New Membership Applications to the Council Twin Lakes Amateur Radio Club, El Dorado Springs, MO Accepted by Council vote

# 5. Treasurer's Report (Jerry Chamberlain)

Commerce Bank	Opening Balance July	\$2010.80
	Service Charge August	5.00
	Service Charge September	5.00

Service Charge October	5.00
Service Charge November	5.00
Dues (Twin Lakes)	20.00
Ending Balance	\$2010.80
Mesh Project Dedicated	\$1000.00
Working Balance	\$1010.80
PayPal Account Balance	\$19.50

Issue with IRS regarding our 501(c)(3). Status: Submit new application for 501c(3) form 1023EZ and post a filing fee (\$325.00). Approved expenditure of the filing fee

#### 6. Regular Committee Reports

- a. Activities Committee Keith Kaiser, Chair
  - i. Possible contest-type activity
  - ii. Will talk with John Raydo to get ideas for contest type activity (Van Way)
- b. Recognition Committee Kristl Thompson, Chair
  - i. Proposal for monthly Elmer award, including publication on ARRL newsletter.
- c. Issues Committee, Bill Gery, Chair
  - i. HR-4006 The Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act
  - ii. Includes limits on restrictive covenants.

#### 7. Regular Business:

- a. Big Announcement!
  - 1. Presentation at the Amelia Earhart Hanger Museum, Atchison, KS
  - 2. Saturday Evening April 20, 2024 (Date Change in progress due to conflict with Shrine Hambash.)
  - 3. Presentation Deck Nearly Ready
- b. KCMesh Project and Mo-Kan Support
  - 1. Report on the status of the KCMesh Project by Bill Gery
  - 2. Operational Links between St. John and Providence hospitals
  - 3. Met with Johnson County KS Emergency Management. They will help getting access to county owned buildings for node sites. Target is to have EOD's in county linked via the mesh.
  - 4. Carolyn Wells will be arranging presentations to metro area hospitals in December to set up nodes and coordinate with existing KC Heart operations and equipment.
  - 5. Roswell Tower is waiting for weather and for climber availability.
- c. Mo-Kan Symposium; Status (Dave Hinkley). Investigating opportunities for school activities.
- d. Idea for Regional Contest/Event (Joe Krout Keith Kaiser). Tabled.
- e. ARRL Foundation club grant program request. (Charles Van Way). Pending. CVW to review old grant.
- f. Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC) grant request. Pending further progress on KCMesh operations (Van Way, Gery)

# 8. Mo-Kan Recruiting Efforts: (Randy Schulze)

Interest from a new organization near Bolivar, MO

- 1. We assisted the group in setting up a Missouri Corporation for the new club.
- 2. Provided other advice as requested.

# 9. Ongoing Project Status:

a. Ham 400 Training Events

Offer extended to Bolivar Organization - Still trying to get their club going.

- b. Mo-Kan Elmer's Table
  - i. Deployed at the Ararat Hambash with Success
  - ii. Deployed at the Warrensburg Hamfest
  - iii. Deployed at the Sedilia Sparkfest
    - Two referrals, one request for presentation, one inquiry for membership.
  - iv. Deployed at Raytown/Southside Hamfest with success.

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- c. Ham 403 Presentation, "Introduction to the Mo-Kan Regional Council"
  - Draft can be downloaded from: http://mokancouncil.org/Ham400Project.htm
- d. New Ham 420 Presentation,

In progress. See "Big Announcement" Item 7a, above

e. Eagle Award

Any thoughts or nominations?

#### 10. New Business

Proposed that MOKAN treasurer investigate how MOKAN can assume responsibility for and support Larry's List, especially considering the costs of Groups.IO. (\$240/year). Jerry Chamberlain to report back. Larry's List currently has 1539 members and is an invaluable resource for hams in the Kansas City area

# **11. Next Meeting:**

Annual Corporate Meeting at (to be announced).

Election of Officers

Officers Up for Re-election Include:

Vice Chairman (Dave Hinkley, Incumbent) Board Member, Joe Krout, Incumbent Board Member, Kristl Thompson, Incumbent Treasurer, Jerry Chamberlain, Incumbent

12. Adjourn