

**Mo-Kan Regional Council of  
Amateur Radio Organizations, Inc.**

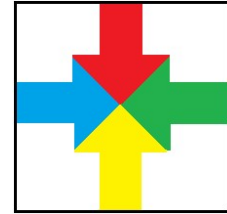
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## Minutes

### First Quarter / Annual Meeting

10:00 AM CST, Saturday, March 23, 2024

Overland Park Christian Church, Fireside Room

7600 West 75<sup>th</sup> Street, Overland Park, KS 66204

1. **Call to Order – Randy Schulze, W0ICQ**
2. **Welcome to Overland Park! Bill Gery KA2FNK, President, Johnson County Radio Amateurs.**
3. **Roll Call of Member Organizations with Representatives**
  - a. Randy Schulze W0ICQ Raytown Chair MOKAN
  - b. Charles Van Way N0CVW WW1USA Secretary MOKAN
  - c. Greg Wolfe KI0KK Santa Fe Trails ARC
  - d. Joe Krout KR0UT Jayhawk ARS
  - e. David Hinkley KA0SOG Lees Summitt ARC Vice Chair MOKAN
  - f. Bill Gery KA2FNK Johnson County RAC
  - g. Kenny Thompson K0BCF Guest
  - h. Kristl Thompson KR1STL Warrensburg Area ARC
  - i. Jerry Chamberlain W0ZXH Treasurer, MOKAN
4. **Secretary's Report (Charles Van Way)**
  - a. Minutes from the December 2, 2023 Meeting – posted on line, approved without changes
  - b. Any New Membership Applications to the Council
    - i. Schulman Auction – accepted unanimously.
  - c. Status of ARRL Foundation Grant Application
    - i. Formation of new clubs in the catchment area
    - ii. Education of new hams to General and Extra
    - iii. Training in Morse code, digital modes, net operations
    - iv. Formation of traveling team(s) which can conduct training at clubs
    - v. STEM education for local schools. Perhaps teacher education program in conjunction with ARRL program.

5. **Treasurer's Report (Jerry Chamberlain)**
  - a. Regular Report – document attached.
  - b. Issue with IRS regarding our 501(c)(3) status.
    - i. Submit form 1023EZ and post a filing fee.
    - ii. Payment for domain: mokancouncil.org
  
6. **Regular Committee Reports**
  - a. Activities Committee – Keith Kaiser, Chair
    - i. No report
  - b. Recognition Committee – Kristl Thompson, Chair
    - i. Elmer reward – pending, working on guidelines.
    - ii. Eagle award – Herb Fiddich, will not be at Hambash, so will present later.
    - iii. CW award – working on guidelines. Presentation key.
  - c. Issues Committee, Bill Gery, Chair
    - i. No new issues
  
7. **Elections:**
  - a. **Vice Chairman (Dave Hinkley, Incumbent)**
    - i. Nominations from the Floor
    - ii. Vote unanimous\
  - b. **Board Member (Joe Kraut, Incumbent)**
    - i. Nominations from the Floor
    - ii. Vote unanimous
  - c. **Board Member (Kristl Thompson, Incumbent)**
    - i. Nominations from the Floor
    - ii. Vote unanimous
  
8. **Regular Business:**
  - a. **Presentation at the Amelia Earhart Hanger Museum, Atchison, KS**
    - i. Late summer or fall, August 17 or 20.
    - ii. Presentation Deck Ready (Preview at End of This Meeting)
    - iii. The Museum would like to see a ham radio station set up
      1. Steve Early has been doing special event station at the museum.
  - b. **KCMesh Project and Mo-Kan Support.**
    1. Report on the status of the KCMesh Project by Bill Gery - document attached.
  - c. **Mo-Kan Symposium; Status (Dave Hinkley)**
    - i. **Symposium.** Dave Hinkley. This would be based on inviting schools to an educational event. There is a high bar in terms of background checks and other bureaucratic impediments. Recommends tabling the idea.
  - d. **Idea for Regional Contest/Event (Joe Krout – Keith Kaiser)**
    - i. Still under consideration. Joe and Keith are not contesters, so they will have someone(s) who knows contests as a part of the planning committee.

- e. **Mo-Kan Recruiting Efforts: (Randy Schulze)** Continuing efforts to recruit member organizations.
  - i. One New Organization, Schulman Auction. (See Agenda Item 4-b)

9. **Ongoing Project Status:**

- a. **Ham 400 Training Events**
  - i. Nothing Scheduled
- b. **Mo-Kan Elmer's Table**
  - i. Scheduled for the Ararat Hambash, April 20, 2024
- c. **Ham 403 Presentation, "Introduction to the Mo-Kan Regional Council"**
  - i. Draft can be downloaded from: <http://mokancouncil.org/Ham400Project.htm>
- d. **New Ham 420 Presentation,**
  - i. In progress. See Item 7a, above
- e. **Eagle Award**
  - i. Nomination made and confirmed. Presentation Planned at Johnson County RAC

10. **Request Approval to Purchase Larger Mo-Kan Banner for use at Hamfests, etc.**

- a. Current Banner is about 2.5 Feet wide
- b. Proposed Banner (See Proof) is 6 Feet Wide
- c. Cost via VistaPrint is about \$55.00 plus Tax S&H
  - i. Motion made by Bill Gery to allow no more than \$60.00 to purchase a new banner. Motion unanimously approved.

11. **New Business**

- a. **Joe Krout. Techsoup** program, a clearing house for technical resources for 501c3 organizations. Requires an administrative fee. Can get Microsoft 365 Enterprise 25 user license without charge. Google business account also available. Hotspot and internet service for \$120/year, plus \$30 hotspot. Multiple other discounts.
- b. **Division Convention 2025.** ARRL (Art Zygielbaum) approached us offering up to \$10,000 for the project. It could be at the state fairgrounds, in Sedalia. Or Argosy casino. Or do it in conjunction with Hamfest one last time. Action plan. Go back to clubs and see if any of the clubs are interested in co-sponsoring with MOKAN. Could be combined with the symposium for schools, item 8b above. For the chairman's thoughts, see item 13 below.

12. **Next Meeting:**

- a. **Second Quarter Meeting**
  - i. Ararat Shrine Hambash, April 20, 2024

13. **Adjourn**

14. **Food for Thought**

About five years ago, Mo-Kan was approached by the then ARRL Midwest Division Director who asked if we would spearhead a Division Convention in Kansas City. We formed committees and started looking into what we might do. What we learned, as has been the case with other

organizations wanting to have a Hamfest in KC, was that finding a venue of any caliber was difficult, and if you did find a suitable venue it was an extremely expensive transaction.

At that time, (2019,) while this was an ARRL Convention, ARRL would not provide any funding to the project, and expected the local organizations coordinating the event to come up with the money. After beating our heads against the wall for a long time, a motion was made by one of our wise members that we withdraw from the project. The vote was unanimous that we pull out, and that was the end of that.

On the evening of February 28, I attended the ARRL Midwest Division Open House Meeting. At the meeting, we were informed that today, the ARRL will pay up to Ten-Thousand Dollars in support of hosting an ARRL Division Convention. I was informally asked if we might host an ARRL Division Convention in the Kansas City Metro Area for 2025? I replied that I would investigate it and consult our membership.

So, what do you think? \$10K would likely go a long way to securing a good venue and allow us to put on a good show. But I must warn you that this will be a lot, and I mean *A LOT of very hard work for a long period of time*. If we choose as an organization to move forward with such a proposal, I need a commitment from you and your organizations that you will put in the talent and work to pull this off! We've had a lot of good ideas and opportunities come across our Mo-Kan Desk which we vote to proceed with, but little gets done. This is not the "Randy and Dave Show", and I can't do everything that needs to get done! If we vote as a team, we will need to commit and work as a team.

As I said at the top of the last paragraph... "So, what do you think?"

| March 2024 MOKAN Council of Clubs       |                |    |             |
|---|----------------|----|-------------|
| Jerry Chamberlain, Treasurer            |                |    |             |
| 2023 Commerce Bank                      |                |    |             |
|   | Opening        | \$ | 2,512.30    |
| January                                 | Service Charge | \$ | (5.00)      |
|   | IRS            | \$ | (275.00)    |
|   | Dues           | \$ | -           |
| February                                | Service Charge | \$ | (5.00)      |
|   | Mesh Equipment | \$ | (480.00)    |
|   | Dues           | \$ | -           |
| March                                   | Service Charge | \$ | (5.00)      |
|   | IRS Refund     | \$ | 275.00      |
|   | Dues           | \$ | -           |
|   | Closing        | \$ | 2,017.30    |
| Paypal                                  |                |    |             |
|   | Opening        | \$ | 19.50       |
| January                                 | Dues           | \$ | 40.00       |
| February                                | Dues           | \$ | 40.00       |
| March                                   | Dues           | \$ | -           |
| Total fees                              |                | \$ | (0.76)      |
|   | Closing        | \$ | 94.74       |
| Total of both accounts                  |                |    | \$ 2,112.04 |
| Dedication of funds in checking account |                |    |             |
|   | Mesh           | \$ | 1,020.00    |
|   | MOKAN          | \$ | 997.30      |

KC Mesh status as of 2 Dec 2023 – Bill Gery

- 1 Operational link between Providence and St John hospital (Thanks To Rick NJOP).
2. Met with Johnson County KS EM. Modeling on node sites is underway.
3. After Easter meeting with KCMO/WOOEM Jackson County.
4. Roswell Tower. Waiting for weather and climber availability.
5. Supernode. Interconnect Amateur Radio resources. Example ip phone Ham hotline.

