

## Minutes

### 4th Quarter Meeting, November 4, 2018 Board Room, National World War I Museum and Memorial

1. Call to Order. Randy Schulze KD0HKD
2. Welcome to the National World War I Museum and Memorial. Charles Van Way, NOCVW
  - a. Apology for Mix Up regarding the Last Meeting Date, by Randy Schulze
3. Roll Call of Member Organizations with Representatives

Dave Bahan, KOOTER, Raytown ARC  
Randall Schulze, KD0HKD, Raytown ARC  
Jeff Dardy, KE0CAZ, Santa Fe Trail ARC  
Gary & Frances Adams, WA0BTM, KC0TFR, Warrensburg ARC  
Herb Fiddick, NZ0F, KC Hamlink  
Charles Van Way, NOCVW, WW1USA  
Joe Krout, KR0UT, Jayhawk ARC  
Matt May, KC4WCG, KC Heart, MECC  
David Hinkley, KA0SOG, Ararat Shrine ARC, Raytown ARC  
Keith Kaiser, WA0TJT, Radio Scouting  
Tucker Livingston, W0BTL, Eastern Jackson County ECS  
Bill Geary, KA2FNK, Johnson County RAC  
Jay Greenough, WJ0X, Johnson County RAC

4. New Membership Applications to the Council

There are no new membership applications

5. Secretary-Treasurer's Report. Charles Van Way, NOCVW

The bank account currently has \$703.00, with no outstanding bills.  
There are two organizations in arrears, Warrensburg and Platte County.  
Statements for 2019 will be sent out in January.

6. 2020 ARRL Midwest Division Convention

- a. Venue

Update on the discussion regarding a location for the convention:  
Community College report from Matt May  
\$500 per hour for two 8 hour days plus extras  
About \$4000 per day

Law enforcement officers  
About \$15,000 estimate overall  
Assuming they haven't sold it  
Deposit will require half of the amount

- b. Date proposed  
Sometime in August, 2020
- c. There was a vigorous discussion about whether or not MO-KAN should proceed with preparation for the Convention. Several negative aspects were discussed. First, the sponsoring organizations, ARRL and Midwest Division, have offered no financial support and almost no other assistance. Despite several requests to ARRL and Midwest Division, no budgets or other documentation from previous conventions were made available. There were no attendance figures or even estimates of attendance. Second, there was no source of funding identified for the \$7500 (est) deposit which would be required. Nor was there any clear idea of how much more would need to be spent for speakers, advertising in QST and elsewhere, and other expenses. Third, the activity appeared to be simply another hamfest, perhaps a bit larger than most. Our area has a number of well-attended club-based hamfests. It was not clear that putting another one in 2020 would add any value to the community. To the extent that it would compete with existing hamfests, it might actually hurt clubs which MO-KAN exists to support. Fourth, putting on a Midwest Convention will be a one-time activity, and would not lead to any ongoing benefit for the Kansas City area amateur radio community or for the MO-KAN Council.
- d. As a result of the discussion, the following resolution was proposed by Herb Fiddick, seconded by Matt May and Charles Van Way:

Resolved, that the MO-KAN Council withdraw from the planning effort for the proposed 2020 Midwest Division Convention.

- e. After further discussion, the resolution passed unanimously. Randy Schulze will inform the Midwest Division.

## 6. Regular Committee Reports

- a. Activities Committee – Keith Kaiser, Chair  
Scouting activities were discussed. JOTA activity in October, at several locations around the KC area. (3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in October every year) University of Scouting event last weekend in October.  
SET exercise was also cited as an activity.  
Other suggestions:  
Supporting STEM education: grants, teacher support and education.  
School projects such as satellites, balloons.

Keith showed business card with ham classes and Ham 101, which could be distributed to clubs to support recruiting new hams and to help those newly licensed to build stations and get on the air.

There was further discussion about which activities would be useful for supporting clubs. (see item 10, below)

b. Recognition Committee – Larry Staples, Chair

No report

c. Issues Committee, Bill Gery, Chair

No issues reported.

8. Next Meeting will include Elections:

Nomination Period Starts Now, Ends at Next Meeting.

Chairman

Randy Schulze, Incumbent

Secretary – Treasurer

Charles Van Way, Incumbent

Board Member

Keith Kaiser, Incumbent

Board Member

Bill Gery, Incumbent

9. Mo-Kan has been Certified as an ARRL Affiliated Organization as of August 2018,

a. <http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/mo-kan-council-of-amateur-radio-clubs-i/type:club>

10. Mo-Kan Sponsored / Managed Events for 2019

A discussion of potential managed events area-wide was led by Joe Krout

Operating event? Social event? Antenna shoot-out? Antennas muster? For a HF antenna contest, we could use a remote station (John Raydo in Colorado on 20 meters, for example).

Or, we could use the reverse beacon network. Joe to report on this by the next meeting, with a concrete plan for Spring, 2019.

Other suggested activities include: QSO party, annual hamfest, auction, or contest, Tech licensing classes, advanced classes, club projects, WW1USA. ARES, RACES, other emergency response activities. Maker's Faire at Science City. Industrial Arts annual exposition in Bartle Hall. Boy Scout Midwest trade center at Camp Nash.

11. Any New Business

Randy Schulze noted that "group.io" has been set up to communicate among the members of the Council. It seems to be working well.

Dave Hinckley proposed asking the clubs and their members what they want us to do. He will do the survey and report back. He also will start a regular newsletter, to be distributed through Larry's List.

12. Next Meeting (Annual Meeting) Location and Date TBA.

It was agreed that a Sunday afternoon would be optimal. Charles Van Way will identify a Sunday in February, and will obtain a conference room (Board Room, or another room) at the WW1 museum.

13. Adjourn