

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

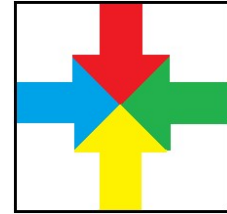
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**Minutes
Second Quarter Meeting
8:30 AM CST, Saturday, April 20, 2024
Mezzanine, 2024 Ararat Shrine Hambash
5100 Ararat Drive, Kansas City, MO 64129**

1. **Call to Order – Randy Schulze, W0ICQ**
2. **Welcome to the 2024 Ararat Shrine Hambash!**
3. **Roll Call of Member Organizations with Representatives**

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| Randy Schulze | W0ICQ | Raytown |
| Charles Van Way | N0CVW | WW1USA |
| Dave Hinkley | KA0SOG | Lees Summit |
| Jerry Chamberlain | W0ZXH | Johnson County RAC |
| Kristl Thompson | KR1STL | Warrensburg Area ARCI |
| Joe Krout | KR0UT | JARS |
| Scott Corey | KD0HNNH? | Twin Falls |
| Kenny Thompson | K0BCTF | Guest |

4. **A moment of silence in respect to Larry Staples – W0AIB-SK**
5. **Secretary’s Report (Charles Van Way)**
 - a. Minutes from the March 23, 2024 Meeting
 - b. Any New Membership Applications to the Council
 - c. Status of ARRL Foundation Grant Application
6. **Treasurer’s Report (Jerry Chamberlain)**
 - a. Regular Report Attached
 - b. Approve Expenses
 - c. Issue with IRS regarding our 501(c)(3) Status In Progress
7. **Regular Committee Reports**
 - a. Activities Committee – Keith Kaiser, Chair

- b. Recognition Committee – Kristl Thompson, Chair
 - i. The Eagle Award will be presented at a meeting of the Radio Amateurs of Johnson County. April 27, 2024
- c. Issues Committee, Bill Gery, Chair
 - i. S.3690 – Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act

8. Regular Business:

a. 2025 ARRL Division Convention:

- i. Discussion was made at the First Quarter Meeting on this topic. (See the Minutes for April 23, 2024, online.) Since that meeting, I have commitments from three organizations pledging their desire to support this effort. (I'd like to see more...)
- ii. Some research has been done which indicates a suitable venue in the Kansas City Metro would likely cost \$30K or more. A suggestion was made by the Delegation from Warrensburg Area ARC that we might look to Sedalia SPARK.
- iii. Randy Schulze spoke with ARRL MWD Director Art Zygielbaum to update him regarding our discussions, and the suggestion regarding Sedalia, home of the Missouri State Fair. After considering the location of Sedalia and other features, Art agreed, and asked if I might speak with Bret Kuhns, W0VK, the President of SPARK. A request was made to the Director that it was brought up at the First Quarter Meeting that if the Convention is held within the Mo-Kan Region, it should be planned to re-occur in the region on a regular basis. Art agreed.
- iv. Randy Schulze spoke with Bret Kuhns, from Sedalia Amateur Radio Club (SPARK,), and advised him of the high-level discussions thus far. Bret is excited about this opportunity and wants to start work to make this a success. Her has many good ideas!
- v. Bret Kuhns discussed the SPARK. The club was established in 1935. It has had a reinvigoration over the last 5 years. They have wanted to hold a state-wide convention, but never heard back from the ARRL on their inquiry.
- vi. The Missouri State Fair Grounds in Sedalia are available at \$1500 per day, plus 2% of admission charges. There is an adjacent building at \$180 per day which has additional classrooms. A third building could be available. Chairs, tables, and other equipment can be rented. There are ample motel rooms available in Sedalia.
- vii. A discussion ensued on how different clubs in the area can contribute to the effort. Clubs have different strengths and assets.
- viii. Timing was discussed. October 2025, was mentioned.
- ix. Location would be equidistant from St.Louis, Kansas City, and Springfield. There would be benefit to having a St. Louis club as a sponsor, in addition to the MOKAN clubs.

b. Presentation at the Amelia Earhart Hanger Museum, Atchison, KS

- i. The date has been firmed up as August 17, 2024

- ii. Steve Early has been doing special event station at the museum and will coordinate the station demonstration.
 - c. **KCMesh Project and Mo-Kan Support.**
 - i. Report on the status of the KCMesh Project by Bill Gery is attached.
 - d. **Mo-Kan Recruiting Efforts: (Randy Schulze)**
 - i. On Going
 - e. **Ongoing Project Status:**
 - i. **Ham 403 Training Events**
 - 1. Ham 403 – Intro to Mo-Kan Scheduled for 11:35 AM, Today in the Mezzanine.
 - f. **Mo-Kan Elmer's Table**
 - i. In progress today in the Breezeway, next to the ARRL Table.
 - g. **Eagle Award**
 - i. April 27, 2024 at Johnson County Radio Amateurs.
 - h. **Request Approval to Purchase Larger Mo-Kan Banner for use at Hamfests, etc.**
 - i. We have the new banner! See it at our Elmers Table!
9. **Any New Business from the Floor?**
- a. **Consideration that we should apply for a Club Call Sign**
 - i. Pros and Cons
10. **Next Regular / Quarterly Meeting:**
- i. Warrensburg Hamfest
Johnson County Fairgrounds, 9:00 AM, July 20, 2024

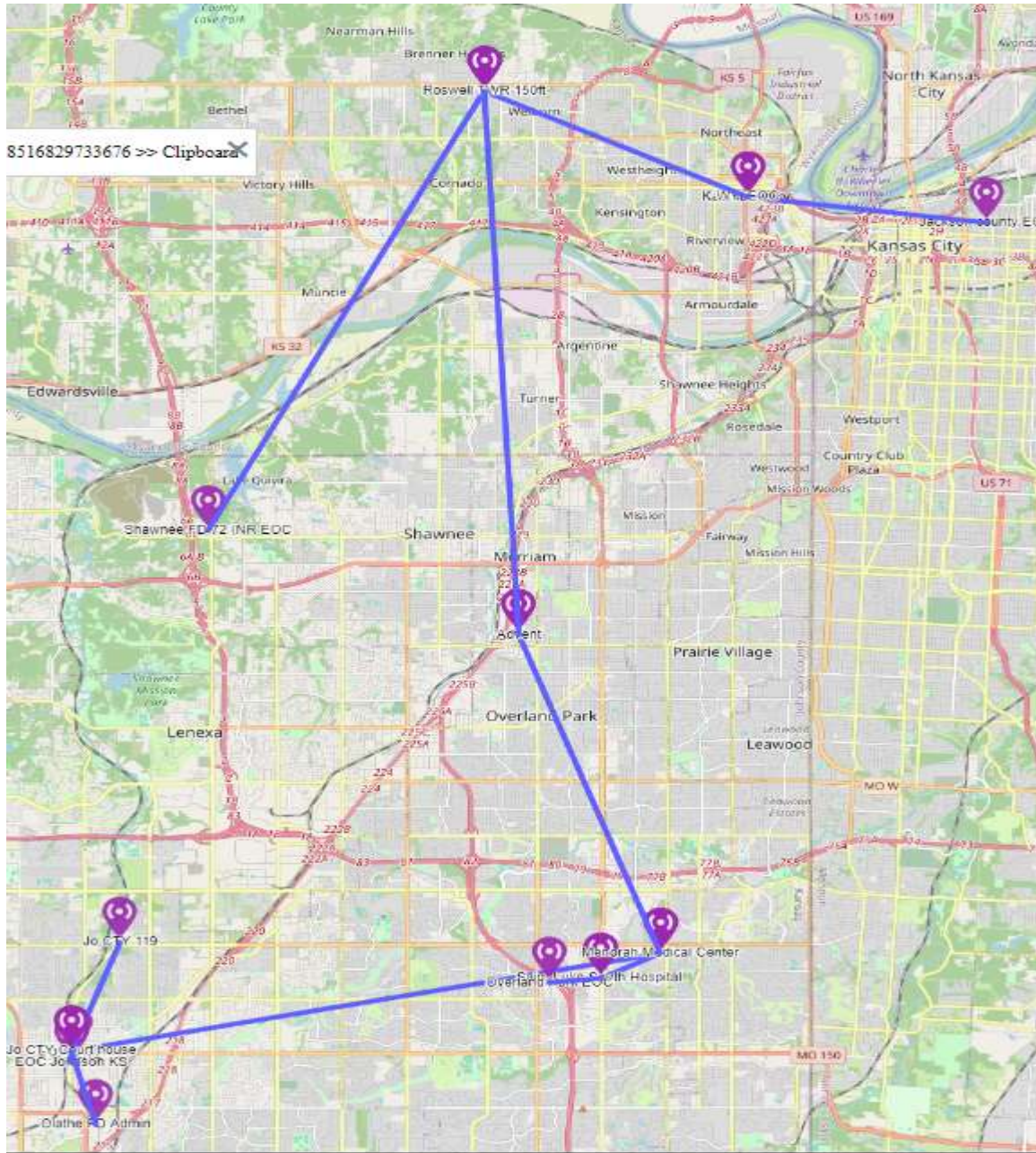
11. Adjourn

Treasurer's Report – Jerry Chamberlain, Treasurer

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| 2024 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 | \$ | 20.00 |
| | Closing | \$ | 2,037.30 |
| 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 | | \$ | 2,132.04 |
| Dedication of funds | | | |
| Mesh | | \$ | 1,020.00 |
| MOKAN | | \$ | 1,112.04 |

KcMesh status as of 18 April 2024

- 1 Operational link between Providence and St John hospital (Thanks To Rick NJOP).
2. Modeled EOC links for Johnson, Wyandotte and Jackson counties, Setting up meetings to go over preliminary plan.

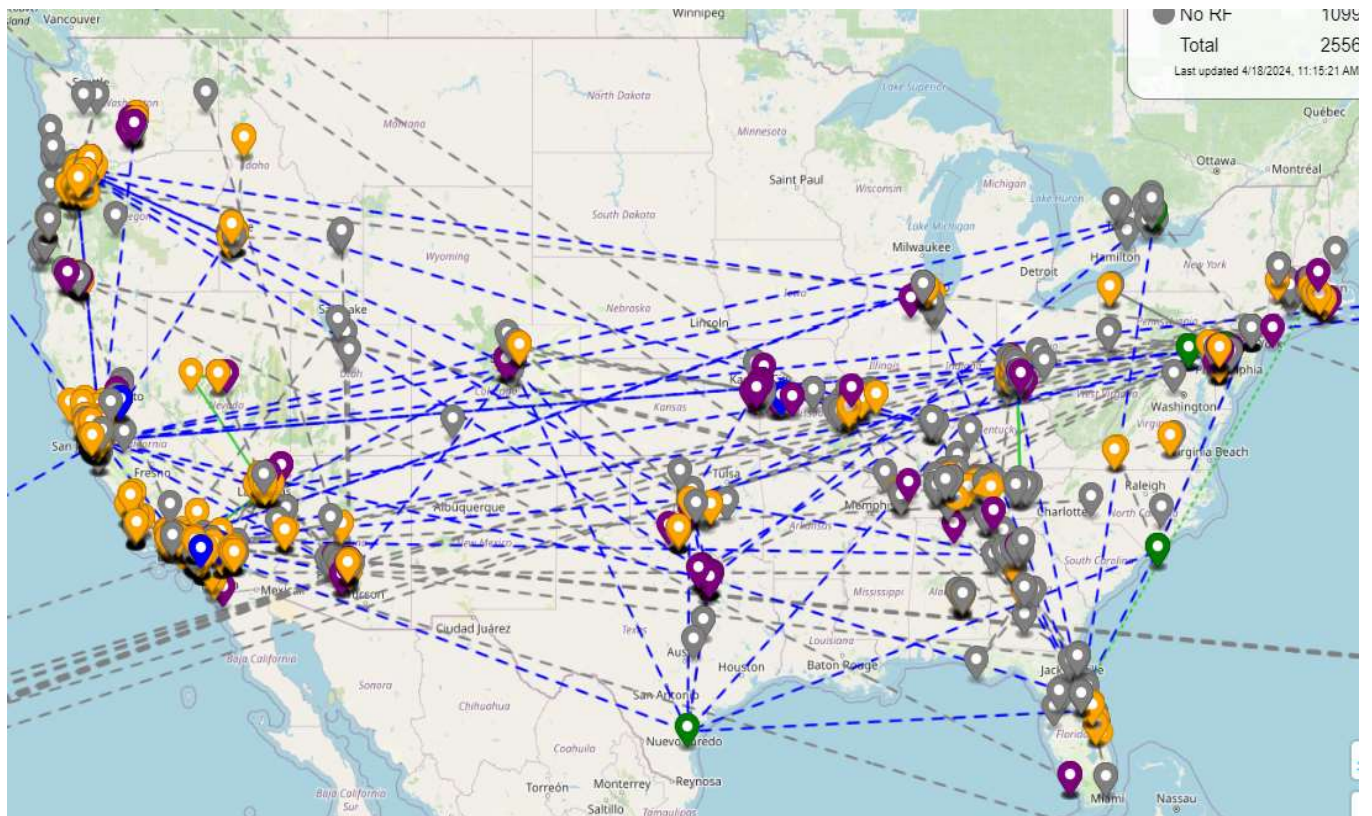
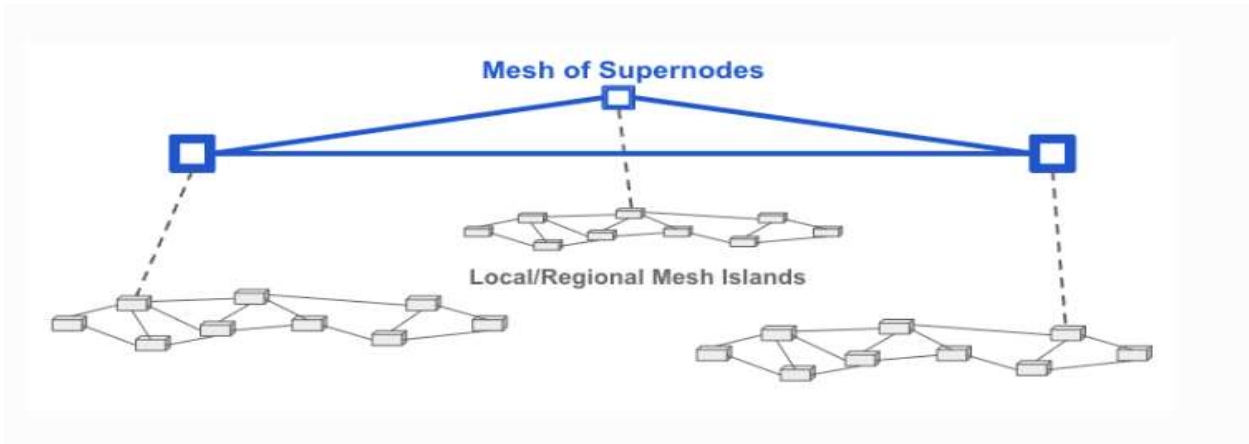


3. Meeting with KCMO/WOOEM set for April 22,
4. After KCMO meeting will meet with Johnson County EM
5. Roswell Tower. Waiting for weather and climber availability.

6. Received a donation of enough IP phones for hospitals and EOC/s. Jerry Chamberlin is working on configuring the phones so they will be ready to deploy.

7. Have ip phone for the Salvation Army communication van. Bill Gery will install.

8. Supernode. Interconnect Amateur Radio resources. Example ip phone Ham hotline. Currently two supernodes are configured and linked. The software is still beta so will not place in production until formality released by AREDN. Initial planning is for three supernode for kcmesh each supporting a number of tunnels. The current termination of the present tunnels will have to be reworked. Getting RF link connections between mesh islands will provide redundancy.



The above map shows present supernode connections. KCMesh is connected to supernodes in Indiana and Oklahoma.

