

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

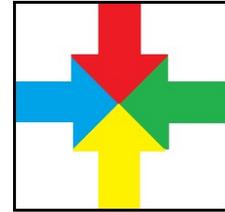
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**Minutes
Third Quarter Meeting
9:00 AM CDT, Saturday, July 20, 2024
Warrensburg Area Amateur Radio Club 2024 Hamfest
Johnson County Fairgrounds, Warrensburg, MO 64093**

1. **Call to Order – Randy Schulze, W0ICQ**
2. **Welcome to the 2024 Warrensburg Area Amateur Radio Club 2024 Hamfest!**
3. **Roll Call of Member Organizations with Representatives**

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
Cecil Higgins	AC0HA	ARRL
Steve Pierce	WA5ICX	Twin Lakes ARC
Rick Wade	KD0CNC	Twin Lakes ARC
Steve Everley	KC0VYX, WB0SFT	WBHDARC
Joe Krout	KR0UT	JARS
Dwayne Lucas	KB9TQJ	Twin Lakes ARC
Ron Cowan	KB0DTI	ARRL (Kansas)
Greg Wolfe	KI0KK	Santa Fe Trails ARC
Bill Gery	KA2FNK	Johnson County RAC
George McCarville	WB0CNK	Santa Fe Trails ARC
Bret Kuhns	W0VK	Sedalia-Pettis ARC

4. **A moment of silence in respect to Cliff Ahrens – K0CA-SK**
5. **Secretary's Report (Charles Van Way)**
 - 1) Minutes from the April 20, 2024, Meeting *Approved*
 - 2) New Membership Applications to the Council *Approved*
 - i. Hams In Space (Catalog of Training Presentations)
 - ii. Willilam Becknell Heritage Days Amateur Radio Club,, WB0SFT
 - 3) Status of ARRL Foundation Grant Application (*Discussion follows*)

Possibilities for club grant program

- Expand Larry's List, with the object of increasing local membership, supporting new hams, and providing educational materials. *Probably not realistic, as Larry's List has become self-sustaining.*
- Establish a radio club at a local college, probably Johnson County Community College, possibly Metropolitan CC, Penn Valley, or one of the several technical institutions. *Discussed after the meeting with Tom Wheeler, NOGSG, who teaches at JCCC, and Jamie Charlton, ADOAB who teaches at MetroCC. They both cited the major obstacle as being a complete lack of interest among their young students. Johnson County RAC suggested having a meeting at JCCC to drum up interest. JCCC would probably support it, as would MetroCC, but the first requirement for a club is interested students. Which we don't have.*
- Underwrite and support an amateur radio station at the WW1 Museum and Memorial (WW1USA). Use it to support STEM education in the local schools. *There was significant enthusiasm for this. Charles Van Way will meet with museum executives, and report back to 4th quarter meeting.*
- Purchase and support a club station for MOKAN itself (see discussion below about club call sign). *The discussion noted that the Foundation puts equipment purchase as the lowest priority item, and so would be unlikely to support this.*
- Establish activities within one of the area school systems to promote amateur radio as part of STEM education. Possibilities would be KCMO Public Schools, Shawnee Mission, Blue Valley, KCK-Wyandotte County public schools, and North Kansas City. *Same problem as the community colleges, a lack of interest. Also, we have no one who is directly involved in teaching or administration at the high school level.*
- Identify underserved areas in rural Missouri and Kansas within 50 miles of Kansas City and recruit local hams to establish radio clubs in rural areas. *The Foundation was negative on this possibility when we submitted a grant in 2022. It seems unlikely that it will look favorably on this.*

6. Treasurer's Report (Jerry Chamberlain)

- 1) Regular Report (End of minutes)
- 2) Approve Expenses
 - i. Randy Schulze, Eagle Trophy Engraving & Mo Sec-State \$37.79
 - ii. Joe Kraut, D-104 Silver Eagle Mics for Eagle Awards, \$200.00
- 3) Update regarding our 501(c)(3) Status
 - i. Pending. Jerry Chamberlain locating appropriate documents. The application runs to 42 pages, so this is not a rapid process.

7. Regular Committee Reports

- 1) Activities Committee – Keith Kaiser, Chair
- 2) Recognition Committee – Kristl Thompson, Chair
- 3) Issues Committee, Bill Gery, Chair

8. Regular Business:

a. 2025 ARRL Division Convention:

- i. Bret Kuhns, President of the Sedilia – Pettis Amateur Radio Klub (SPARK) provided a compelling overview at our Second Quarter Meeting on how SPARK could be the host for the 2025 Midwest Division Convention.
- ii. Bret Kuhns and Randy Schulze provided a briefing on the topic to Midwest Division Director, Art Zygielbaun. At that time, Art informed us that the Lincoln Amateur Radio Club at Lincoln, Nebraska is also submitting a bid to host the 2025 Midwest Division Convention.
- iii. As of July 8, Art advised he wants to schedule a Zoom Meeting between he, Lincoln ARC, Brent and I to discuss options and highlights.

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 (End of minutes)

d. Mo-Kan Recruiting Efforts: (Randy Schulze)

- i. On Going

e. Ongoing Project Status:

i. Ham 403 Training Events

1. Nothing Scheduled

f. Mo-Kan Elmer's Table

- i. In progress today next to the ARRL Table.

g. Eagle Award

- h. Presented to Herb and Diana Fiddick at a meeting of the Radio Amateurs of Johnson County, May 10, 2024.

9. "Proud Mo-Kan Member Icon on your websites!

- 1) For Placement on *Your* Organizations Website:



- 2) Participants so far include: Santa Fe Trail ARC, Schulman Auctions, Warrensburg Area ARC, and Hams in Space. ***How about your organization's website?***

10. Consideration that we should apply for a Club Call Sign

- 1) Pros and Cons. Will need it for ARRL application.

11. Any New Business from the Floor?

- 1) Bill Gery announced that the Ensor Auction will be October 12-13.

12. Next Regular / 4th Quarter Meeting:

- 1) Raytown 2024 Hamfest suggested. Saturday, October 26, 2024, at the Good Shepherd Community of Christ, 4341 Blue Ridge Road, KC MO.

13. Adjourn

MOKAN Council Treasurer's Report, July 20, 2024

Commerce bank	Opening	\$	2,017.30
April	Service Charge	\$	(5.00)
	Expenses approved	\$	(114.96)
May	Service Charge	\$	(5.00)
	Mesh	\$	(220.00)
June	Service Charge	\$	(5.00)
Total		\$	1,667.34
Mesh Dedicated	Initial	\$	1,020.00
	Expenses	\$	(220.00)
	Current June 30	\$	800.00
PayPal	Beginning	\$	94.74
April	Dues	\$	40.00
May			
June			
Fees		\$	(2.38)
	Current June 30	\$	132.36
MOKAN total	Current June 30	\$	999.70

KC Mesh status as of July 20, 2024 (Bill Gery, KA2FNK)

- 1. Operational link between Providence and St. John Hospitals (Thanks to Rick, NJ0P)**
- 2. Meet with KCMO/W0OEM and develop a site plan for the W0oem location. Waiting for their comments. If they agree, will order nodes and other equipment.**
- 3. Hope to meet with Johnson County Emergency Management to survey EOC and new Courthouse.**
- 4. Roswell Tower. Pending. Waiting for weather and climber availability**
- 5. Currently two supernodes are configured and linked. The software and links have been stable. The plan is to have three supernodes for KCMesh, each supporting several tunnels. The current termination o the present tunnels will have to be reworked. RF link connections between mesh islands will provide redundancy.**