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

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Minutes

Second Quarter Meeting 12:00 PM, Saturday, April 12, 2025 Raytown Amateur Radio Club Hambash, Raytown High School, 6029 Blue Ridge Boulevard, Raytown, MO 64133

- 1. Call to Order Randy Schulze, W0ICQ
- 2. Welcome to the Raytown, Missouri! Jen Albright, NOVVX
- 3. Roll Call of Member Organization
 - a. Randal Schulze, W0ICQ, Raytown ARC, MOKAN Chairman
 - b. Dave Hinkley, KA0SOG, Lees Summit/Greenwood and Raytown ARC, MOKAN Vice Chairman
 - c. Charles Van Way, N0CVW, Johnson County RAC, WW1 Museum ARC, MOKAN Secretary
 - d. Richard Fretwell, W0KRF, MECC, Jackson County ARES
 - e. Leland Finley, WA0JSB, Platt County ARG (for Keith Kaiser WA0TJT)
 - f. Kristl Thompson, KR1STL, Warrensburg Area ARC
 - g. Dave Buckley, W3MEB, Warrensburg AARC, SPARK
 - h. Richard Camirand, KEOQYA, Warrensburg AARC, SPARK
 - i. George McCarville, WB0CNK, Santa Fe Trails ARC
 - j. Jerry Chamberlin, W0ZXH, MOKAN Treasurer
 - k. Chuck Chaberlin, KC Mesh
 - l. Jena Albright, NOVVX, Raytown ARC, America's KC Wide
 - m. Matt May, KC4WCG, WyCo EMA and MECC
 - n. Brian Short, KC0KC, ARES
- 4. Secretary's Report (Charles Van Way)
 - a. Minutes from the February 22, 2025 Meeting
 - **b.** New Membership Applications to the Council
 - i. America's Kansas City Wide Special Service Organization, Jena Albright, N0VVX (Approved by council vote)
 - ii. ARES (Pending)

c. Status of ARRL Foundation Grant Application - Pending

5. Treasurer's Report (Jerry Chamberlain)

- a. Regular Report Pending
- **b.** Approve Expenses (Approved by council vote)
 - i. GoDaddy. 2 Years, MOKANCOUNCIL Domain. \$44.34
 - ii. HostGator Web Hosting 1 year \$44.34
- c. Update regarding our 501(c)(3) Status

6. Keith Kaiser had a sudden and fatal heart attack 4/10/2025.

- Long and distinguished service to amateur radio, including work on Boy Scouts and MOKAN
- **b.** Moment of silence observed

7. Regular Committee Reports

- a. Activities Committee Keith Kaiser, Chair
 - i. New chair to be appointed
- **b.** Recognition Committee Kristl Thompson, Chair
 - i. Discussion regarding Eagle Award Nomination
- c. Issues Committee, Bill Gery, Chair
 - i. Jerry Chamberlin, W0ZXH, presented update on MESH system.

8. Amendment to Bylaws to provide Instructions for Replacing Organization Officers who have left office, unplanned, leaving a vacancy:

- **a.** Report of the Amendment Committee as per the bylaws.
- **b.** Second Reading of the proposed amendment to the bylaws:

Article 11: Unexpected or Unplanned Vacancy in the Office of Any Member of the Board of Directors.

Article 11A, Definitions:

- For the purpose of this article, Board Member shall mean: Any Elected Officer including Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, or any of the four Delegate Members of the Board of Directors.
- 2. While the Treasurer is a Trusted Advisor to the Board of Directors, and attends all Board Meetings, the Treasurer is not elected as a Member of the Board, but is appointed by the Chairman, and serves at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.
- 3. Vacancy shall mean the absence of any Board Member during their unexpired term of office due to resignation, severe illness, death, or termination with cause by order of the majority vote of the Board of Directors, of by any board member forfeiting the office through a voluntary absence of three or more consecutive months.

Article 11A, Procedure:

- 1. The Chairman or Designated Executive shall:
 - a. Declare that a vacancy exists on the Board of Directors and as such, an emergency exists.
 - b. With the advice and consent of the remaining Board of directors, appoint an individual to assume the remaining term of the vacancy.
- 2. The candidate appointed to the vacant office shall serve in that office until the current term expires at which time the new office holder may run for re-election.
- c. Advice of the Amendment Committee Recommend adoption
- d. Vote of the Membership Present Approved by a vote of the council, and all present

9. Regular Business:

- a. 2025 ARRL Division Convention:
 - i. Latest Status of the Project. Now known as SPARKcon
 - 1. Will be held at the state fair facilities in Sedalia
 - 2. Planned for 1 ½ days.
 - 3. \$10,000 worth of prizes
 - 4. Several displays and exhibitions. AI/Robotics,
 - ii. What will the Member Organization do to assist SPARK
 - 1. Will have a table
 - 2. Suggest formal presentations (Randy Schulze)
- b. KCMesh Project and Mo-Kan Support.
 - i. Report on the status of the KCMesh Project by Jerry Chamberlain
- c. 2025 Marks the Ten-Year Anniversary of the Mo-Kan Council!



- 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. We're Here at the Hambash!!

Old Business:

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

a. For Placement on *Your* Organizations Website:



11. New Business from the Floor

- a. Discussion about the ARRL convention
- **b.** Discussion with Brian Short, KC0KC, about MOKAN membership for ARES Special Interest Group

12. 2nd Quarter Meeting:

i. Warrensburg Hamfest: July 19, 2025, Johnson County Fairgrounds

13. Adjourn