

The sum of the funds, \$17,764.28, is split among three (3) accounts: \$1895.61 in a checking account with the Citizens Bank of Blount County (CBBC); \$8,368.67 in a Certificate of Deposit account with Oak Ridge National Laboratory Federal Credit Union (ORNL FCU); and \$7500.00 in a new account with Charles Schwab for the purpose of achieving a higher yield than leaving the monies with CBBC, [The officers of the Club will determine the investment vehicle(s) per the permission granted by the members of the Club – *ed.*]

- Charles [K4BAL] gave the Health and Welfare report: The sister-in-law of Jordan [NA4WX] and the sister of Sam [W4SLW], Natalie, was involved in a head-on crash with a deer is in rehabilitation; the wife of Scott [N0EDV], Michelle, has been given a clean bill of health; Charles himself is going through several treatments. The Club wishes the best to all who are infirm and recovering.
- Mike [K4MJF], Net Manager for the Club, noted an increase in the average number of check-ins for Thursday Evening Net. [As much as the ratchet jawed lid from Chicago attempts to keep his blabbering to 10-minutes, the vaccination with a phonograph needle in his youth takes over – *ed.*] The average is now twenty three (23) over the last four (4) weeks. The Club could use a few more Net Control Stations (NCS) for the Thursday Evening Net and the KK4XA Morning Net. If you are interested, please contact Mike at his email address on qrz.com.
- Bob [KK4XA] gave the report for the Training and Education Committee. Bob told the membership that Field Day was another learning experience. The plans for one day classes for Technician and General Class licenses which would end with license exams are being hashed out. The next Club sponsored test session is scheduled for early September. Please check the Club website, <https://w4olb.org/>, for date and time.
- Kurt [KC4NX] told the Club members that the repeaters are operating as expected. The link between the repeaters of the Club is operational only during the nets on the 146.655-MHz repeater. Kurt explained the interference experienced earlier this year by the 146.655-MHz repeater. His effort to locate the source and bring a resolution has been rewarded. With the cooperation of two broadcast engineers, the interference is now gone. The 443.075-MHz Club repeater does have a Wires-X connection courtesy of member Ed [K4EDD] with a node at his house. This provides world wide coverage in addition to the KK4XA 444.075-MHz DMR repeater [Talk Group 314742, CC1 – *ed.*].
- Andrew, for the absent Jordan [NA4WX], told the group the Club has applied for a Zoom account in the name of the Club. As a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, the Club is eligible for a reduced annual rate.
- Andrew asked for any other old business and there was none.

New business items for the Club follow.

- Scott [N0EDV] announced the VHF/UHF weak signal crowd lost two members, Dave [K4YRK] and Dave [NS4V]. Neither Dave was a member of the Club.
- Greg [K4HMS] announced the 2024 TNQP [Tennessee QSO Party – *ed.*] will be held Sunday September 01. The operation will be sponsored by the SKYWARN group and take place at the Middlesettlements United Methodist Church Field of Dreams. For details, please see <https://tnqp.org/rules/>.

- With no further business, Andrew declared the business portion of the SMARC 2024 August 26 meeting adjourned. There was a break from 1937 to 1958 ET.
- Kurt [KC4NX] gave a slide presentation on the new VHF repeater installation at the Reservoir Hill, Alcoa, TN site. Thank you, Kurt and others, for the hard work to place into operation the new system. The old equipment is still functional and will be held off site “just in case” there is a failure.

The 2024 August 26 meeting of SMARC ended at 2105 ET. Thank you to all in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by SMARC Secretary,

Bob Loving [K9JU]

P.S.: Don't forget the KK4XA Morning Net, Monday through Thursday at 9:00 AM (0900) ET, and the SMARC Weekly Thursday Evening Net at 7:00 PM (1900) ET. Both nets are held on the W4OLB/R linked repeater system with Zoom Video Conference accompaniment.