

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Smoky Mountain Amateur Radio Club
Monday, February 23, 2026.**

Minutes submitted by Steve Carpenter, K4DXV for Bob Loving, K9JU, Secretary

The meeting was held as a combination of an in-person meeting at the United Steel Workers Union Hall, 339 South Hall Rd., Alcoa, TN, and a Zoom Video Conference. All officers were present either in-person or via Zoom. 28 members attended in-person and 17 more on zoom.

7:01 p.m.:

President Geoffrey Mark, KM6TVJ, called the meeting to order and promptly introduced the presenter Andy Perryman, N0APX, of the World Radio League, who did a Zoom presentation from Missouri on the company's logging software and upcoming releases.

7:29 p.m.:

President Mark called for a break and for the meeting to resume at 7:45 p.m.

7:45 p.m.:

Meeting resumed. President Mark recognized visitors and/or new members. One new member was present (Vince Rainwater, KR4IEO), and 1 visitor.

President Mark thanked USW local 309 for allowing us to rent the facility.

President Mark asked if there were any corrections to the minutes for the 2026 January Club Meeting. There were no corrections to be made; therefore, the minutes of the 2026 January Club meeting were approved without vote per the By-Laws of the Club

Results of 2025 SMARC financial review committee were read stating no discrepancies were found during their individual audits.

Treasurer's report: Presented by Tammy Berry, KB4TQO

Date: February 20, 2026

Operating Fund: \$3393.34	CBBC: \$2239.76
Repeater Fund: \$2641.15	Cash: \$5220.86
Reserve Fund: <u>\$15,426.13</u>	Fixed: <u>\$14,000.00</u>
\$21,460.62	\$21,460.62

Unfinished Business:

Immediate SMARC past-president Andrew Lawson, N2AL, presented Tim Berry, WB4GBI with a Certificate of Lifetime Membership in SMARC. Tim Berry spoke briefly and expressed his gratitude for the honor.

New Business:

President Mark suggested the April meeting be the annual spring Trunkfest event. President called for a vote and it passed.

President Mark asked members to come up with ideas for a Build Event and members volunteered to serve on a committee.

President asked about doing a foxhunt. Kurt Meltzer KC4NX said we could do a "driving" foxhunt. Dave Kaun, N9KMY, suggested some detailed refinements regarding an end time for the foxhunt. Bob Wilson, KK4XA, suggested the build project could be to make antennas for the foxhunt. President called for volunteers to help with both the build event and the foxhunt.

President said we need to go ahead and set up a Field Day committee. Bob Wilson reported that we will probably be able to return to Mount Lebanon Baptist Church this year. Volunteers spoke up to be on the Field Day committee.

Josh Marler, AA4WX, brought up that members and/or the club might want to join TARA, Tennessee Amateur Radio Association, and detailed a few things about the organization. Greg Williams, K4HSM, on zoom, vouched for the organization as well.

Reports from Standing Committees:

Health & Welfare – Bob Wilson reported on several members and/or their family members with health situations.

Net Manager - Mike Foley, K4MJF - No report.

Education/Training – Bob Wilson reported upcoming classes.

Repeater Committee – Kurt Meltzer reported on improvements to the repeater site, and he briefly mentioned the possibility of adding an amplifier to the club's UHF repeater.

Public Information Officer, Jeff Buffington – Not Present

Webmaster - Jordan Webb, NA4WX – Not Present

Scott Littfin, N0EDV, on Zoom reminded members of the Dalton Hamfest coming up the last weekend of February.

8:16 p.m.:

President Mark adjourned the meeting.