



3) Reserve Fund \$14,147.91

The increase from the 2024 November balance of \$12,531.43 is unknown at this time.

The sum of the funds, \$18,402.13, is split between two accounts: \$1,480.56 in a checking account with the Citizens Bank of Blount County (CBBC); \$16,647.91 with Schwab; \$163.66 with PayPal; and, \$110.00 "On Hand."

- Bob [KK4XA] gave the Health and Welfare report for Charles [K4BAL] who was absent. Charles [K4BAL] is recovering after breaking his pelvis; Roger [KD4STR], Cindy Mills [XYL of K1VX] and Kathy [XYL of N9KMY] all are recovering from shoulder surgeries; Millie [XYL of KY4KB] will have a heart procedure; Linda [XYL of W4ZTV] is experiencing various health issues; Mike [K4MJF] is experiencing recurring pulmonary manifestations; Ann [K9ANN - former member] is going through a repair of a hip replacement from 3 years ago; and, finally, Bob [yeah, that guy, K9JU] continues to fall apart!
- Kurt [KC4NX] told the Club members that the repeaters are operating as expected. During the extreme cold spell earlier in the month, there was a failure of the temperature control at the repeater site. The unit appears to be residential window unit and only 2 or 3 years old. A temporary heater was put into service to maintain the room temperature at least at 50° Fahrenheit to protect the batteries used for emergency power. The Club may have to pay for a new temperature control unit.
- Mike [K4MJF], Net Manager for the Club, was not present to give the Thursday Evening Net performance.
- Jeff [N4POD], Public Information Officer, announced the Winter issue of the Newsletter was available on the website. He is asking for short articles for the Spring issue; please submit to Jeff by the end of February or early March.
- Bob [KK4XA] gave the report for the Training and Education Committee. Bob told the membership the Technician Class license sessions are almost finished. Josh [AA4WX] said that testing can be provided over the internet. Contact Josh for information and registration: [josh@AA4WX.com](mailto:josh@AA4WX.com).
- Josh [AA4WX] announced that new member Kerry [W4KEJ] lost his wife. The Club extends condolences to Kerry and his family.
- Greg [K4HSM] told the Club that SKYWARN runs an on air net the first Sunday of each month. The net starts at 2000 ET on the 146.940 MHz repeater (-600 kHz offset and 118.8 Hz tone). Greg also said that SKYWARN Spotter Training will be available; please see National Weather Service, Morristown, TN website.
- Andrew asked if there was any other old business There being none, new business was addressed.
- Field Day site exploration committee has volunteers: Geoff [KM6TVJ], David [N4AER], Bob [KK4XA] and Larry [W4NOE].
- The April meeting will have no business reporting. Instead, a "Tailgate" selling or trading of ham gear out of car trunks and a picnic of sorts will be held. This was, and will hopefully

become, an annual event.

- For the Financial Committee, consisting of Kelley [KR4FK], Hal [WB4E] and Joel [N4JHS], Kelley reported that the financial books were in order. However, the committee had a few suggestions to improve the reporting by the Treasurer of the Club.
- For the 2025 February meeting, the Club needs to discuss food and funding for the 2025 ARRL Field Day exercise.
- Steve [W4SDS] has decided to step back from Ham Radio for personal reasons. Therefore, the Club will need to find/purchase a hotspot and cellular service for future meetings if the Club wishes to continue Zoom coverage in order to serve members who cannot attend meetings in person.
- Andrew told the meeting that Officer's Meetings, that precede the monthly meetings will now be held on the Tuesdays at 1930 ET the week before the meeting. These used to occur after the Thursday Evening Net but involved possible personal conflicts of the Officers.
- Andrew declared the SMARC 2025 January 27 meeting adjourned at 2041 ET.

NOTE: When corrections to the "unknown" quantities above are received, these minutes will be reissued with said information.

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.