

- Mike [K4MJF], Net Manager for the Club, said the average number of check-ins for Thursday Evening Net remains at twenty five (25) 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. [Let me say again, if that K9JU lid from Chicago can lead the Morning Net, anyone can do it – *ed.*]
- Bob [KK4XA] gave the report for the Training and Education Committee. Bob told the membership that there are plans for one day classes which would end with license exams. Both Technician and General Class license sessions are being considered. Bob still wants the membership to send to him a list of what topics would be of interest to the Club to increase knowledge of Amateur Radio.
- Josh [AA4WX] told the Club that testing opportunities would follow the Club meeting and the next day, Tuesday. Bob [KK4XA] asked if there could be testing available at the Field Day outing of the Club with an answer from Josh, “why not!” [By the way, following the meeting, Joe, WB9VVH, took and passed the General Class license exam. Congratulations to Joe – *ed.*]
- Kurt [KC4NX] told the Club members that the repeaters are operating as expected. The link between the repeaters of the Club is operational during the nets on the 146.655-MHz repeater. Despite all the efforts of the Kurt and others involved in the new repeater system, the Crescend 2M power amplifier malfunctioned soon after system activation. The amplifier has been sent to Crescend for repair or replacement. The repeater continues on exciter power of 25-Watts. The 443.075-MHz repeater is also on exciter power of 20-Watts due to failure of the TPL UHF 100-Watts power amplifier. Unfortunately, TPL has ceased operations!
- The W4OLB license is due for renewal in July. The Trustee is presently Carroll [W4PCA]. The renewal fee, as with all of us, is \$35. Carroll will renew the license under his name as Trustee. If transfer of trusteeship is required before the license must be renewed in 2034, there is no cost incurred in doing so, according to Hal [WB4E].
- Even though \$800.00 was allocated in the 2024 budget of the Club for the 2024 ARRL Field Day outing, an approval to release the funds had not been voted on by the membership. The motion to release a maximum of \$800.00 of budgeted monies for use at Field Day was made by Mike [VP and K4MJF]; the second came from an unknown member! [As the song goes, “Who are you?” - *ed.*] The motion to release a maximum of \$800.00 of budgeted monies for the SMARC 2024 ARRL Field Day exercise was passed by the majority of those present and on Zoom.

There was no other old business and, it turned out, no new business items for the Club.

- Andrew declared the business portion of the SMARC 2024 May 27 meeting closed. A “ten (10) minute” break commenced at 1935 ET and ended at 1947 ET.
- The “program” for the evening was the planning for Field Day and was lead by Bob [KK4XA], chairman for the Field Day Committee. The co-chairman of the Field Day committee, Jordan [NA4WX], was not present due to family matters.
 1. Bob explained the setup for the operation with two (2) SSB stations, one (1) CW station and one (1) digital station; the Club will, therefore, operate as a 4A entry under the call sign of the Club, W4OLB. There is a chance another CW station might be operational for the event which would put the Club into the 5A category.

2. A Get On The Air (GOTA) station will be made available by the District 5 SKYWARN and will use the call sign W4W.

3. The operating event will take place June 22 and 23 at the United Methodist Church “Field of Dreams” at 2508 Middlesettlements Road, Maryville, TN.

The 2024 May 27 meeting of SMARC ended at 2054 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.