

Minutes for BGMRC, Inc. – July 11, 2022

Call to Order

A regular monthly meeting of The Bill Gremillion Memorial Radio Club, Inc. was held on July 11, 2022 at the Madras Community Center, Highway 29 north. The meeting was called to order at 7: pm. and was presided over by President Gary Beckstedt, WB4GMB, and club Secretary Rick Melville, KK4DDK. Walter Jones, Jr. led the opening prayer.

Attendees:

Voting members in attendance can be seen on the check-in sheet.

A quorum was present.

Guests in attendance were included on the check-in sheet. Michael Stephens KO4TBH was a new member.

Approval of Minutes

A motion and second to approve the minutes of the June 2022. Motion carried by voice vote with no one voting against the motion.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made to adopt the proposed agenda. The motion carried by a voice vote with no one voting against the motion.

The agenda was an update on Field Day 2022 and a vote on relocating to the Madras Community Center.

Treasurer's Report: Walter Jones, Jr. reported the following:

As reported tonight:

Since May, a few new members have paid for the single associate level:

1. EJ Bauman- \$20
2. Michael Johnson- \$20
3. Marie Wood- \$20
4. Michael Stephens - \$20

Also attached are the finances for tomorrow's meeting:

July starting balance of \$6271.05 at Truist Bank.

Another \$19.11 is currently being transferred from PayPal for a new membership. PayPal is keeping \$0.89, and is currently the only expense we have so far.

Almost all activity since our last report was attributed to member dues collections. No material expenses to be reported.

Program – Lee Johnson N4WYE - Why you need a NanoVNA.

Vector Network Analyzer

Lee enjoys being on-the-air once again and active in amateur radio since retiring. The current station is focused on HF with the SDR based Icom-7300. Home-brew wire antennas include several End Fed Half Wave designs along with 80- and 40-meter Loops. DXing and rag chewing are my on-the-air interests. He enjoys the designing, building and operating projects as well as getting into the newer technology platforms such as the **NanoVNA** and the Software Defined Radios. I have made presentations to several local clubs on the new NanoVNA's. The next construction project planned is an LDMOS linear amplifier.

I started my ham radio life at 15 with a successful build of a HeathKit TX-1 Apache transmitter in 1958 in Hawaii as KH6DAK right in the middle of the best sunspot cycle on record. From that start, I finished college in electrical engineering and remained in communications technology/systems for my entire career. I am one of the founding members of the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society and built the original 04/64 W4DW repeater in the 1970s. I am a lifetime member of the ARRL and IEEE. Since retiring, I joined the North Fulton Amateur Radio League and have become more active on the bands.

New Business:

A motion was made and seconded to move our regular business meeting to the Madras community Center every second Monday at 7 pm with the opportunity to eat at 6 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no other new business to be conducted.

Old Business:

No old business was noted.

Announcements:

The agenda from June was a vote on a “**DOING BUSINESS AS**” motion which passed. The club is currently collecting DBA names for a vote and selection to be made in August 2022.

Gary gave an update on June Field Day 2022. Very successful.

Possibility of Christmas party at Madras center this year.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made. It was seconded, and the motion carried with voice approval to adjourn at 8:30PM

Respectfully Submitted

Rick Melville

Date of Approval - TBD
