

Minutes for BGMRC, Inc.

Call to Order

A regular monthly meeting of The Bill Gremillion Memorial Radio Club, Inc. was held on August 9, 2021 at **Art & Jakes Restruant**. A fellowship meal started at 6:pm and the regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and was presided over by President Gary Beckstedt, WB4GMB, and club Secretary Rick Melville, KK4DDK. No opening prayer was offered.

Attendees

Voting members in attendance can be seen on the check-in sheet. **A quorum was present according to Rick Melville, Secretary.** Guests in attendance were included on the check-in sheet.

Members not in attendance: see check-in sheet

Adoption of Agenda

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

- The agenda for the meeting was the initial discussion by club members of the feasibility of establishing DMR services by the club, including DMR repeater equipment. No vote on DMR equipment purchases will be taken place at tonight's meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 2021 meeting was made by Gary Beckstedt . Motion carried by voice vote with no one voting against the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Diana Beckstedt, WB4DNB (via Gary Beckstedt) reported the following:

Total Current Assets as of 07/31/2021 - \$4,016.19 in cash is on hand in our club's bank account. Almost all activiety in July was attributed to member dues collections. Beth Walker continues to manage the website and is responsible for updates and maintainence.

Announcements:

The club's fundraiser this year will be a yard sale on September 25, 2021.

The club recently assisted at a Trail Run at the Chathoochee Bend State Park by using a mobile repeater per Sam Smith and Scott Marlowe.

The Cannongate repeater had been down recently but now has a repaired power supply thanks to Gary's help.

Scott Marlowe discussed the relationship between BGMRC & ARES & SkyWarn. Any member wishing to participate in ARES or SktWarn is welcome. Scott also discussed

training required for members to work at the Coweta County 911 site or to represent ARES if called out.

A bike ride is coming up per Sam Smith and members are encouraged to participate. See Sam for more details. This is not a BGMRC sponsored event.

On 10/03/2021 our club will assist in running communications for the Ferst Foundation annual bike ride. Mary Jean & Frank Kimble will head this event up. Volunteers are needed.

New Business:

Gary Beckstedt, President, stated that there was no new business to be addressed at this meeting.

Program:

Gary Beckstedt explained that BGMRC will take up the subject of DMR (digital mobile radio) tonight but no decisions will be made nor any votes taken. Gary explained how DMR is used in relation to a repeater. DMR does utilize an internet connection. Additionally, Dan Warnock and Carl Bellamy discussed their personal use of DMR radios. The club was introduced to the characteristics of DMR. We will need to fund DMR repeater equipment if we go this route. Gary was clear that the club WOULD NOT GO INTO DEBT to provide DMR services to our members. It was stated that more discussion should take place and firm estimates on equipment pricing must be obtained before any vote will be called, if ever.

The meeting was attended by the following officers:

- Gary Beckstedt, Sr. – WB4GMB – President
- Rick Melville – KK4DDK – Secretary
- Frank Kimball – KK4YTM – Board Member at Large

With no further business, Rick Melville moved to adjourn, seconded, and the motion carried with voice approval to adjourn at 8:30PM

Next Meeting September 13, 2021, – Masks are optional, not required. Meeting at 7 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Rick Melville

09/13/2021

Secretary
BGMRC

Date of Approval