

MSUARC Meeting Minutes	October 6, 2020:
Meeting called to order – Tracy McKinney W4IRT	7:17 (due to technical difficulties) p.m.
Question of the Night	What are your plans for Kentucky POTA (October 24)?
Secretary's Report – Corbie Gomez KO4ARX	Corbie was absent and Jana Hackathorn KN4MWE filled in for her. Minutes for September 1 st meeting were accepted--motion by William Call KJ4W, Charlton Young KJ4CY 2 nd .
Advisor Report – Jana Hackathorn KN4MWE	Jana Hackathorn KN4MWE has successfully completed the annual advisor's training. Tasked to find out about student club funds and other benefits of being a Registered Student Organization (RSO).
QSL Manager Report – Sue Reimer NR4R	Not in attendance.
Treasurer's Report – Bill Call KJ4W	Testing = \$14; Reimbursed Josh Kerr WV4O for labels for inventory = \$112.34; Paid post office = \$24 for box rental. \$285 deposit, mostly dues = \$3868.25 current balance.
System's Report – Bill Call KJ4W	<p>Went to Hamlin to reinstall old amplifier after repair. It did not work correctly. So, we are still running low power. Got another amplifier, but it may be too large for the cabinet. Also worked on the co-ax; due to an overtightened strap in its previous location, a hole was worn through the shield that allowed water to get in, causing an impedance bump. The problem was repaired by cutting out that section of the transmission line and replacing it with a short hard line jumper donated by Bill. Two connectors were donated by Doyan KA4BLZ. Bill would like to replace that antenna with a new one, similar to what is on the 94-machine, which would cost about \$300 - \$400. William Call KJ4W proposes that we replace the antenna. Charlton KJ4CY 2nd. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.</p> <p>UHF repeater needs the clock reset, but otherwise all systems are good.</p> <p>Inventory went well. Nothing appeared to be missing. (Josh Kerr WV4O, Rich Palmer KM4JZX, Tracy McKinney W4IRT did the inventory, along with William Call KJ4W)</p>
VE Report – Bill Call KJ4W	Two examinees last month. John Michael Clay and Tom Radja both passed.
CERT Report - William Call KJ4W	Nothing to report; a course will not be offered this Fall, due to COVID.
Net Manager Report – Chuck Williams K4CHW	4 Sessions, 111 stations, 163 minutes, and 262.7 operator hours.
Special Events KYPOTA	KYPOTA: John Coyle W4PJC reported the following: There will be 3 K4MSU host stations spread throughout the region that will count for bonus points for participants. They will all be operating under the same call sign, except for a /A /B /C to differentiate the 3 bonus sites.

	<p>KenLake Cherokee Park is Site A (2+ radios will be set up), anyone in the club who wants to operate and participate is welcome. Feel free to bring your own radio, as long as it is a battery setup. Site B is William Call KJ4W & Joshua Sloan KO4EAP at Kentucky Dam Village. Site C is at Lake Cumberland with John Coyle W4PJC.</p> <p>October 17 (the Saturday before the event) at 9 a.m. on ZOOM will be a few more directions regarding operating and uploading logs.</p> <p>Tracy McKinney W4IRT advised everyone to go the Parks on the Air (POTA) website and watch the informative videos to see how the overall program works.</p>
<p>Old Business</p>	<p>We currently have 94 members.!!!</p> <p>Christmas Party will be December 1, 2020 at 7 p.m. at Sirloin Stockade. To play Dirty Santa the gift is a limit of \$10 or 30 pounds (of HAM gear).</p> <p>We have a current celebrity: Steven Dabbs KN4IRN was featured in an article in the Murray Ledger and Times using a YAGI antenna contacting the International Space Station. This is very exciting coverage for the club.</p> <p>Fox Hunt: George James KY4GMJ and Gary Cooper KJ4EBQ were the winners.</p>
<p>Program</p>	<p>William Call KJ4W gave a HAMBITS presentation entitled "What do we mean by Antenna Gain?"</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Ham of the Year Nominations: Jana Hackathorn KN4MWE, Scott Holt KN4IRQ, Rich Palmer KM4JZX, and Steven Dabbs KN4IRN were nominated for HOTY. The committee is Bob Aldrich WD8OWA, Denis Barton WB8SKP, and Josh Kerr WV4O. A vote was conducted to narrow the nominations down to three: Rich Palmer KM4JZX, Jana Hackathorn KN4MWE, and Steven Dabbs KN4IRN are the final three. We will have the final vote next month at the next meeting.</p> <p>Debbie Barton W8IBT asked if we are going to adopt a family this year for Christmas. Charlton Young KJ4CY is going to talk to our contact from last year to see if we can get involved again this year.</p> <p>Steve W1KYL asked that we be more cognizant of new members and new HAMs when using acronyms and/or jargon.</p> <p>Rich Palmer KM4JZX asked if we would be participating in the Christmas Parade again this year – but it is unclear if Murray will be having a parade again (due to COVID). Tracy McKinney W4IRT is tasked with finding out more details.</p>

	<p>The ISS will pass over at 12:17 p.m. (45 second window). Feel free to join Steven Dabbs KN4IRN at 1205 Stadium View Drive no later than 12:15 if you would like to try to contact the ISS with him.</p> <p>Please pay attention to the MSUARC Members page on Facebook Group – We post updates, and you can feel free to post and interact.</p> <p>New Member: Jerry W. Johnson KM4NUY. Josh Kerr WV4O motioned, Steven Dabbs KN4IRN 2nd – Motion unanimously carried.</p> <p>No VE Session.</p>
Meeting Adjourned – Tracy McKinney W4IRT	Debbie Barton W8IBT motion; Gary Cooper KJ4EBQ second. Adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Members in Attendance:

Bob	Aldrich	WD8OWA
Candy	Aldrich	KJ4OZU
Bob	Atkinson	K9OIM
Debbie	Barton	W8IBT
Denis	Barton	WB8SKP
Bill	Call	KJ4W
Brenda	Call	WA4IJU
John	Coyle	W4PJC
Steven	Dabbs	KN4IRN
Greg	Gordon	KX4VI
Jana	Hackathorn	KN4MWE
Todd	Hackathorn	W4GV
Jerry	Johnson	KN4NUY
Josh	Kerr	WV4O
Tracy	McKinney	W4IRT
Rich	Palmer	KM4JZX
Julie	Sacco	K4JVJ
Charlton	Young	KJ4CY
Matt	Brown	KO4ARU
Helen	Atkinson	None
Joshua	Sloan	KO4EAP
Luke	Sloan	None
Tom	Radja	KO4HCL