



MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



MSU ARC Meeting – November 3, 2020 via Zoom

Zoom meeting was called to order by President, Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call & Question of the Night: There was no roll call or question of the night.

Secretary's Report: Bill Call, KJ4W moved to accept the minutes from last meeting; motion was seconded by Steven Dabbs, KN4IRN. Motion approved.

Advisor Report: Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE, reported that everything is going well. She checked on the club receiving monetary assistance from the university and reports that the club can apply for up to \$500 to help fund club needs or events. It was recommended by Jana and Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, that we not request any monies unless the club has a specific need for assistance. Jana also reported that the club does have access to free printing services for any items that may need to be printed for club events, advertisement, recruiting, etc.

QSL Manager Report: Sue Reimer, NR4R, received a QSL card from someone who participated in the POTA event. She requested that her name and callsign information be added to the club's website and QRZ site as QSL manager so that people can easily find her contact info. Josh Kerr, WV4O, stated that he has already updated the sites to include her info as he had heard Sue mention it on the Monday night MSUARC Net. Sue also proposed that the participants of the KYPOTA event send her their contact logs so that QSL cards can be sent on behalf of the club. John Coyle, W4PJC, stated he could send her his contact log. Other participants who used the club's callsign are encouraged to provide theirs as well.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Call, KJ4W, reported that there was one deposit of \$45 for dues made since the last meeting. No checks were written. We haven't received the new antenna for Hamlin yet, so that expense has not been billed. Current balance is \$3913.25. We currently have 95 members.

System's Report: Bill Call, KJ4W, reported that he reset the clock on the 440 repeater. He also advises that he has another amplifier ready to try at Hamlin location, which was donated by Doyan Jennings, KA4BLZ; but has not installed it yet. Bill states he ordered the new antenna for Hamlin promptly, but the company said it would be about 4 weeks for delivery. Depending on weather, that could mean it won't be installed until next spring. The 94 repeater has not required any attention, and all 3 repeaters are working okay. Bill also went through some of the Field Day type equipment in preparation for the KYPOTA, and the Kenlake K4MSU/A operation used the filters and some cables and wire antennas. All items have been returned.

VE Report: Bill Call, KJ4W, stated no exams were taken last month. There will be no exam session tonight, since we are not meeting in person. If anyone is ready to take an exam, let Bill know and arrangements will be made. Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, has offered his facility on N. 5th Street as an exam location.

CERT Report: Bill Call, KJ4W. Nothing to report.



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Net Manager Report: Chuck Williams, K4CHW, presented reports.

- *October 2020 Net Report:*
 - 4 sessions
 - 126 stations
 - 200 minutes
 - 420 operator hours.
- *Covid-19/Wellness Net*
 - 10 sessions
 - 178 stations
 - 117 minutes
 - 34.71 operator hours

Special Events:

- KYPOTA – John Coyle, W4PJC, reported that there was a good turnout at the primary KYPOTA location set up by Scott Holt, KN4IRQ at KenLake Cherokee Park. There were around a dozen people who showed up at one point or another during the event. He informed that about 5 other participants not from our club have turned in their contact logs. We are still waiting on others to submit their logs and the cutoff is this coming weekend (2 weeks from the event).
 - John also advised that the club needs to begin to think about if we will participate in the KYPOTA event for 2021 as there is a lot of planning that needs to be done and a new committee will need to be formed. He stated that they already have some ideas and suggestions for next year if the club does decide to participate. Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, stated that perhaps there needs to be a follow-up meeting to discuss the 2020 KYPOTA event and the possibility of the club participating in 2021.

Old Business:

- ***Christmas Party 2020:*** Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, facilitated a discussion about the current Covid-19 pandemic situation and cancelling the Christmas Party scheduled for December 1st, 2020. With a recent surge in positive case numbers, it is the general consensus that the Christmas party be cancelled for the safety and well being of the club members. Chuck Williams, K4CHW, motioned that we cancel the party, and Denis Barton, WB8SKP, seconded the motion. A Zoom poll was conducted and the motion was carried.
- ***Christmas Parade 2020:*** This year the city is holding a “reverse” parade, where the participants set up stationary displays and the public drive through to view the displays. Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, opened a discussion about whether or not the club should participate in the reverse parade. Again, taking into consideration the current Covid-19 situation and the health and well-being of the club, participation in preparation of the float/display and gathering at the actual parade event would put members at undue risk of exposure to the virus.



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- **Christmas Parade 2020** (cont.):
 - Rich Palmer, KM4JZX, motioned that we suspend our involvement in the parade as club sponsored participant; however, if a need arises for CERT members to assist with traffic control that would be each member's individual decision to be made separately from any club related functions. Denis Barton, WB8SKP, seconded this motion. A Zoom poll was conducted and the motion was carried.
 - Bill Call, KJ4W, stated that, as of now, there has been no mention of a need for CERT members to assist with the reverse parade. Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE, and Steven Dabbs, KN4IRN, expressed interest in helping out with traffic control should the need arise for CERT members to support the Calloway County Fire Rescue in that area.
- **Laker Santa Christmas 2020:** Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, opened a discussion about sponsoring a child/family for Christmas this year as we did last year. Brenda Call, WA4IJU, mentioned that this year is slightly different from last year (due to Covid-19), in that, the school is not accepting gifts for the children but will be taking up donations instead. The donations will be allocated to the children in need by the school's resource center just as in years past. Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE, stated that this year, more than ever, there are families and children in need due to the strain the pandemic has placed on everyone. Rich Palmer, KM4JZX, expressed that this is a good program and motioned that the club take up monies to be donated to the program. Steven Dabbs, KN4IRN, seconded the motion. A Zoom poll was conducted and the motion was carried.
- **HAM of the Year 2020:** The nominees are:
 - Rich Palmer, KM4JZX
 - Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE
 - Steven Dabbs, KN4IRN

Josh Kerr, WV4O, explained the virtual voting process to be conducted via Election Runner for this year's HAM of the Year. An email will be sent out to all paid MSU ARC members with an invitation to vote for the MSUARC HAM of the Year. The email will include an individualized voter ID and voter key to ensure that each vote is completely anonymous. The voter key will need to be entered in the voting form, so it can either be typed in manually or the copy and paste function can be used. Any household with two club members who share the same email address will receive two separate emails in order for each member to cast their own vote. The voting starts at 9:00 pm 11/03/2020 and will close at 9:00pm on 11/06/2020. Once voting has closed, the committee (Josh Kerr, WV4O; Denis Barton, WB8SKP; and Bob Aldrich, WD8OWA) will tally and review the voting results. Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, states that it is still to be determined how the winner will be presented with his/her award.

Program: There was no program presentation tonight.



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New Business:

- Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, reminded everyone to check their emails for the email that Bill Call, KJ4W, sent out on October 28th, 2020 regarding the FCC Fees Proposal. The ARRL urges all members to join in with strongly opposing the FCC’s proposed application fees. Bill does a good job explaining all of this in his email. John Coyle, W4PJC, mentioned that the ARRL website also explains how to oppose the fees and says that it is an easy process.
- Joe Wray, WD4GXI, asked if the December meeting will be held via Zoom since the Christmas party has been cancelled. Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, stated that it is very possible that the December meeting will be conducted over Zoom again; however, that decision will be made closer to the meeting date.
- There were no new members to report.

Member News: Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, asked that everyone keep our fellow club members and their families in our thoughts and prayers as several of them are experiencing health issues.

Chuck Williams, K4CHW, moved to adjourn the meeting and motion was seconded by Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Attendance: 29 people

Tracy McKinney, W4IRT	Don Edwards, K4MKY	Dan Reimer, N4ZY
Josh Kerr, WV4O	Stuart Naulty, KN4RGB	Sue Reimer, NR4R
Bill Call, KJ4W	Joe Wray, WD4GXI	Bonnie Allen, no callsign
Brenda Call, WA4IJU	Rich Palmer, KM4JZX	
Jeff Robinson, KM4YCU	Corbie Gómez, KO4ARX	
Matt Freeman, WX4WKY	Bob Aldrich, WD8OWA	
Steven Dabbs, KN4IRN	Candy Aldrich, KJ4OZU	
Debbie Barton, W8IBT	John Coyle, W4PJC	
Denis Barton, WB8SKP	Chuck Williams, K4CHW	
Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE	James Flood, KJ4TKL	
Todd Hackathorn, W4GV	Robin Jones, KF4GCD	
Bob Atkinson, K9OIM	Dale Barrett, WB7D	
Helen Atkinson, no callsign	Valerie Barrett, KG4OCJ	

*Respectfully submitted,
Corbie Gómez, KO4ARX, Secretary*