



Murray State University Amateur Radio Club

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2580 University Station
Murray, Kentucky 42071

Website: www.k4msu.com

MSU ARC Meeting – August 1st, 2023

Meeting was called to order by President, Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call & Question of the Night: Roll call was done and the question of the night was “Are you going the Huntsville HamFest and what equipment are you looking for?”

Program: John Coyle, W4PJC, presented information on how the MSU ARC sponsored KYPOTA event works. It will be held on August 12, 2023 from 9am to 5pm. John went over the history of the event and how previous years have gone. He reviewed how QSO exchanges should be done. John also explained that we will have 4 locations set up:

- The main location will be at Cherokee Park/Kenlake State Park activated by John Coyle, W4PJC and operating under the club callsign **K4MSU**
- LBL is being activated by Tracy McKinney, W4IRT and Steven Dabbs, KN4IRN operating under the special event callsign **K4Y**
- Columbus-Belmont State Park is being activated by Michael Knight, KG4QPO operating under the special event callsign **K4E**
- KY Dam Village is being activated by Bill Call, KJ4W, and Brenda Call, WA4IJU, operating under the club callsign **W4GZ**

Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, reminded everyone to try to know the normal POTA identifiers for those contacts who are not necessarily participating in KY POTA.

Vice President's Report: Diana Mishica, K4IRU, advised that Stuart Naulty, KN4RGB, will have a program for us at the September meeting.

Secretary's Report: Bill Call, KJ4W, moved that the July meeting minutes be accepted as submitted. Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE, seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Advisor Report: Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE, reported that the mail is now working as it should be. She also advised that she will submit all of the paperwork to the university to keep us an official club.

QSL Manager Report: Debbie Barton, W8IBT, reported that the club received 5 QSL cards, one of which was from Field Day and she will respond to that one. Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, made a contact with the Dixie Heights Highschool HAM radio club on behalf of MSU ARC and requested that Debbie send them a QSL card.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Call, KJ4W, advised that there were no deposits or expenditures this past month. Bank balance is unchanged at \$3,705.56. Prior to the meeting we have 88 paid members for 2023.

System's Report: Bill Call, KJ4W, reported that there have been no issues with club systems at this point. Everything kept working those 10 days that he was out of town on vacation! Bill advised that he will be on the Fine Arts Building roof helping Allen Fowler with a WKMS project and will update if any issues arise. The 3 Club repeaters, the 2 APRS digipeaters and the two Winlink systems are all working well at the moment as far as he is aware.



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VE Report: Bill Call, KJ4W, reported that no one requested an exam session after the July meeting, and no one has yet requested one for tonight.

CERT Report: Bill Call, KJ4W, advised that the tentative starting date for the Fall 2023 CERT course is Thursday night September 14, with a Technician Class ham radio course to follow. CCFR has approved hosting the classes at Station 1 once again. He will be sending out more information shortly.

Net Manager Report: Net Manager, Chuck Williams, K4CHW, present the Net report as follows:

- *July Net Report:*
 - 5 sessions
 - 132 stations
 - 199 minutes
 - 437.8 operator hours

Web Manager Report: Josh Kerr, WV4O, had nothing to report tonight.

Special Events: KY DMR Net, TG3121 Thursdays at 7:00 pm

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- Huntsville HAMFest is August 19 & 20, 2023.

Announcements: **Fulton County Amateur Radio Club** – The Fulton County club has their NET on Sundays at 7:30 p.m. on 145.270 (-) with PL Tone of 100 H

Old Business: Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, advised that there is no old business to address tonight.

New Business: Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, advised that there is no new business to address tonight.

New Members: Corbie Orten, KO4ARX reported that there was one new member application for tonight from Devin Richards (no callsign yet). Debbie Barton, W8IBT, motioned that the new member application be accepted. Chuck Williams, K4CHW, seconded the motion and the new member was accepted unanimously.



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Attendance: 38 people

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Bill Call, KJ4W

Brenda Call, WA4IJU

Todd Hackathorn, W4GV

Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE

Corbie Orten KO4ARX

Josh Kerr, WV4O

Stuart Naulty, KN4RGB

John Coyle, W4PJC

Gary Cooper, KJ4EBQ

Charles Isele, N1CDK

Jan Isele, no callsign

Bob Aldrich, WD8OWA

Candy Aldrich, KJ4OZU

Don Edwards, K4MKY

Paul Hendrix, KJ4BCF

Jessica Hendrix, KQ4FDS

Evan Tennessee, no callsign

Donna Pursifull, KQ4FEU

Bob Atkinson, K9OIM

Helen Atkinson, no callsign

Joe Wray, WD4GX1

Angela Ivy, Hamette

James Flood, KJ4TKL

Larry Call, KD6UNL

Denis Barton, WB8SKP

Debbie Barton, W8IBT

Steven Dabbs, KN4IRN

Diana Mishica, K4IRU

Chuck Williams, K4CHW

Tim Edmonson, KA4WWS

Joseph Siedel, KO4ASH

Vickie Siedel, KO4ASI

Baby Caleb, future HAM

Bill Barley, KO4TVA

Brandelyn Lewis, KV4SF

Brian Lewis, AF1US

Randall Winchester, WD4HVA

Respectfully submitted,

Corbie Orten, KO4ARX, Secretary