

Benton Amateur Radio Society
Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2025

The Benton Amateur Radio Society met June 1, 2025 at the Bauxite City Hall. There were 20 members and 2 guests present.

President James, KI5FGS called the meeting to order at 2:39 P.M. This was followed by Secretary/Treasurer Alli, K5ALI, reading the minutes from the April 6, 2025 meeting and the current Treasurer's report. A motion was made by WD5C, Larry, and seconded by Eldon, KE5BI, to accept both as read. The motion passed.

Old Business:

Larry, WD5C, excitedly reported that the ARRL has updated the Field Day rules. Stations operating as 1A can now have a G.O.T.A. station. Furthermore, each G.O.T.A. station operator is no longer limited to 100 QSOs, and the G.O.T.A. Coach only has to supervise 10 contacts made by a G.O.T.A. operator. After discussion from the floor, Peg, K5BKT moved that the Club operate as 1A this year, with a G.O.T.A. station. Jason, AA2N, seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. There was brief discussion amongst the group regarding equipment, antennas, publicity, and bonus point opportunities. Sign-Up sheets were passed around for both operating and setup/take-down. WD5C, Larry, was curious how we always rank behind some other, similar clubs. After research, he determined they are making a ton of digital and/or CW contacts, earning 2 points per QSO to our 1 on Sideband.

New Business:

Brent Moore, AB5GM, an extra class ham, has been off the air for decades. He is now enjoying retirement and decided to pick the hobby back up. Peg, K5BKT, suggested he become a member if interested. He agreed, and Peg sponsored his membership petition, which was seconded by WD5C, Larry. His membership was approved unanimously, and he was welcomed to the club by all those present.

Jason, AA2N, shared with the Club that the Museum Ships On The Air event is taking place the weekend of June 7-8. He stated that James, KI5FGS and Martin, W5WPS, participated in 2024 and had a great time.

Eldon, KE5BI, moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Bobby, N5YLE. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alli Porterfield, K5ALI
Secretary/Treasurer