

Benton Amateur Radio Society

Meeting Minutes

8/3/25

The Benton Amateur Radio Society Met August 3, 2025 at the Bauxite City Hall. There were 9 members and 2 guests present.

President, James, KI5FGS, called the meeting to order at 2:33pm. President James then read the minutes from the previous June 1, 2025 meeting. A correction was noted to the minutes regarding who accompanied Martin, W5WPS, on the activation with the Museum Ships on the Air. James, KI5FGS, was with Martin during the activation. President James then read the treasurer's report. Motion was made by Bill, K5RAR, and seconded by Jackie, WB5ARI, to accept the Minutes with the correction, and the treasurer's report as read. The Motion Passed.

Old Business:

President James updated the club on the club's Field Day report and reported the cumulative reported score was 3,958, which was made up of QSO points of 1,738 and bonus points of 2,200. President James advised the GOTA station was a very big success, but there was an issue of RF affecting the reporting computer's internal clock which caused much consternation with trying to report accurate QSO information. President James advised he was very proud of the club's activation and efforts with this year's Field Day, even if we didn't make first place, he felt the club would still do very well overall. There was continued positive discussion about the Field Day report with the club consensus being this year's Field Day was very much a success!

New Business:

Jackie, WB5ARI, advised the club of several upcoming Hamfests, including Huntsville Hamfest, Mena Hamfest, and the Memorial Hamfest held on Petit Jean Mountain.

President James brought before the club the possibility of purchasing a new club banner to be displayed at future Field Day events or other club events. He stated the current banner was looking "tired" and displaying it was somewhat problematic owing to its dimensions. President James advised the present members he did not want to hold a vote on this matter at this time due to the small number of club members present. President James Circulated a proposed design and provided additional information regarding possible costs. He advised his research showed a new banner could be purchased on line for as little as \$75.00, but he had reservations regarding quality, and had contacted a local graphic design business, Shotime Graphics, and had received a quote of \$175 for a 4'x 5' vinyl. Bill, N5HQ, advised there was a graphic design business in Bauxite. President James advised he would solicit additional quotes before bringing the motion for a vote. The club agreed to table the motion by acclimation until the next scheduled meeting.

President James then reported to the club the ARRL Board of Directors had voted to declare 2026 the "Year of the Club" and advised ARRL would be having several special events and acknowledgment for active and extraordinary clubs. President James polled the present members for ARRL membership and several members advised they were current members of ARRL.

President James then asked if there was any further new business that needed to be brought before the club, there being none, Bob, N5BOB, moved to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 2:50pm.

After the adjournment, Jason, AA2N, provided a short demonstration of a new rugged mini-laptop he had obtained and was setting up to use for outdoor activation.

Respectfully Submitted

James C. Hunt, KI5FGS

President