

New Officers – Membership Increase

Your new officers started on January 1. They are: Jim Wilson, K5ND, President; Bill Stearns, NE4RD, Vice President; Mike Crownover, AD5A, Treasurer; and Donald Sonnefeld, KD2FIL, Secretary. Elections for the 2020 to 2021 term will be held later this year.

Membership moved from 308 at the beginning of the year to 398 at the end. We are now in the process of moving our membership system to Ham Club Online, which should simplify and improve membership access and the joining process.

Jamboree on the Air in the USA saw participation jump from 2017 and reach 10,000+. Not quite a record but a good improvement.

Eight JOTA Email Newsletters were

issued during the year. The subscription list is 1,910. We work to keep it below 2,000, which is the cutoff for free emailing services with MailChimp. We essentially drop those who haven't opened any of the last five or so emails.

Call sign use reached 40 activations at Scouting events across the USA.

The Icom America loan station program for local Scout councils continues with the IC-7300 rig. There are almost always kits available. Give it consideration for your programs.

Dayton Hamvention booth went well with sponsorship from Icom America to help with expenses.

The USA Radio Scouting Net continues each month on the second Thursday via Echolink. Thanks Chris

Overbey, WA5DM for serving as net control.

Planning for the 2019 World Scout Jamboree is well underway with staff selection and equipment donations still underway. Icom is helping with a promotion campaign to support getting hams on the air to support Scout demonstrations from NA1WJ, the jamboree station.

Website content continues to grow with materials supporting Scouting advancement and programs. Publishing success stories has been popular. Please consider contributing your own stories on all Radio Scouting topics.

Jim Wilson, K5ND

K2BSA President

January 2019

K2BSA ACTIVITY	RESULTS
Membership	Membership grew from 308 in 2017 to 398 registered on the website at the end of 2018, a nearly 30% increase.
2019 World Scout Jamboree	A great deal of planning and preparation was underway in 2018. Staff recruiting, materials specifications, equipment donations and loans, as well as promotion. Stay tuned for much more and the operation in 2019.
JOTA and Radio Scouting Email Newsletter	8 issues published in 2018. The mailing list is 1,910.
Jamboree on the Air Event	10,703 USA Scouts on the air. 266 locations filed reports. Substantial increase from 2017 at 7,872 Scouts.
Website Development	Visits in 2018 hit 18,840. Page views 52,045.
Social Media Engagement	Facebook page "likes" hit 1,700 up from 1,450 in 2017. 797 followers on Twitter up from 736 in 2017.
Call Sign Requests and Operations	The call sign was in use at 40 events in 2017, down from 44 in 2017.
Financial Results	Total income \$1,880.90. Expenses \$1,095.17. Net income \$785.73. End of year \$4,217.00 cash on hand.