

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of April 4, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, April 4, 2011, at 1901 by President Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, with 22 members and one guest present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Patty Chiles, ACØCU, and were approved as read.

Because Treasurer Irma Frye, NØJPJ, was not able to be at the meeting, she left word that the monthly balance is \$3496.97.

Old Business

Barry Doyle, KDØJWE, reported that he has eleven people registered for the Technician class, which begins on Tuesday, April 5, at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of Physicians Associates.

Tom Keene, WX9N, reported that the recent problem with the 685 repeater could be either a computer that locked up, or interference possibly caused by a handheld that was keyed up, causing the repeater to time out. He said that he has all the parts needed to repair the repeaters, but the job has to be done on a weekend, making weather a factor in the repairs.

Tom also reminded everyone of the swap meet at JCS on Saturday, May 14, starting at 9 a.m. Five slots will be reserved for tailgaters, and permission has been granted to park in the lot next door. There will be a Ham Glam contest, with the best ham costume chosen by the owner of JCS. Radio and television stations may be in attendance.

Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, reported that arrangements are all made for the Stars and Stripes event on June 10 – 11. We will set up on Friday morning and break down by early afternoon on Saturday. There will be a covered dish dinner on Friday night. Ernie Chiles suggested that we have an achievement award for those making more than 20 contacts, or an in-club contest for the member who makes the most contacts. Penny said there will be a sign-up for Field Day at the next meeting, and she will contact the County to reserve a shelter at Klaus Park.

Our visitor for the evening was Nathan Brown from near Scopus.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, announced the rules for the April 16 fox hunt. We will meet at 12 p.m. at Shelter No. 7 in North County Park. Bring a sack lunch for your dinner. Ernie will pass out city maps for every team, and the foxhunt will begin at 1:30 p.m., rain or shine. The fox will transmit on 146.550, and if anyone wants to ask questions, call the fox on the 146.685 repeater. The fox will be hidden within the city limits of Cape

Girardeau. The foxhunt will end when everyone finds the fox or at 5 p.m., whichever comes first. We can meet back at Shelter No. 7 for a debriefing.

New Business

There was no new business.

The April meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1935, followed by a training session on contesting given by Dennis Ponsness, WBØWAO.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles
Secretary, SEMO ARC