

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of April 2, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, April 2, 2012, at 1900 by President Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, with 26 members present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Karen Brewington, KDØJMO, and were approved as read.

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported that last month's balance was \$2,684.89. Judy deposited \$100.00 in dues and paid \$51.00 to Ernie Chiles for parts for the .682 Repeater, giving us a new balance of \$2,733.89. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Tom Keene, WX9N, reported on the repeaters and stated that he believes that the .682 antenna was struck by lightning. The reset is not working. He has a new repeater ready to take its place. Tom also stated that he has the parts set aside to raise the .682 another 100 feet which would cost the club \$248.34. Motion was made by Dan Russell, KDØIXM, and seconded by Klause Mueller, KDØNAV, that we purchase these items. The club voted unanimously to do so.

Tom Keene, WX9N, also stated that due to work and personal commitments, he will no longer be able to maintain the repeaters and has turned the books and keys over to ARES. He also has other equipment that belongs to the club. Mike McCrate, KDØGUH, said that he would pick up these items and store them for the club.

Tom Keene, WX9N, suggested that we look into getting some polyfusers or other lightning arrestors for the repeaters and stated that we can go online to buy them. The cost would be about \$60 to \$70 each. Dennis Ponsness, WBØWAO, will research this and report at the next meeting.

Mike McCrate, KDØGUH, reported that the LLC draft is has been completed. This was emailed to Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, and Barry Doyle, ACØWL, and has been forwarded on to Barry's brother-in-law for review. There will be a onetime fee of \$100 to process this when completed.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that Stars and Stripes will be on June 2nd. Ernie Chiles and Barry Doyle will meet to make sure everything is in order.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that he has 5 students in the Tech Class but that one dropped out for personal reasons but is planning on taking the exam. The new location for the class is Crosstrails Medical Center in Cape as of Wednesday, April 4th.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported on Skywarn and stated that he can't always get away from work to run the net but that Dan Russell, KDØIXM, will be second in command to take over net control when he is not available. Barry stated there were 96 man hours worked for March.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that there will be an Elite Spotter Class in Poplar Bluff the last week in April. This is a good class for those who want much, much more. The class will last 3 hours and there is no cost to attend. There will be a test at the end of the class which you must pass to be considered an Elite spotter. There are webinars for beginners on the web site "Noahsite" and Barry said he will email this address to us.

Set up for Stars & Stripes will be on Friday, June 1st at 10am and we plan to be up and running by noon. There will be a potluck supper at about 7pm that day. On Saturday, June 2nd, there is a swap meet usually at about 9 or 10 am for those with items to swap.

Phil Nash, ACØIB, reported that the monthly ARES meetings are going well with good attendance. The safety vests that were ordered are ready for distribution. They are \$8.61 each and need to be paid for when you pick them up.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that he and Patty Chiles, ACØCU, along with a few others of our members, participated in the "Missouri QSO Party" recently. He reported that Patty worked 48 states! KUDOS to her!!! Maybe next year, the Ares may want to be included. This could be a club function. Dennis Ponsness, WBØWAO, stated that the "November Sweepstakes" would be a good one to try.

The spring Fox Hunt will be on April 28th. We will meet at North County Park Shelter #5 at 12 pm. Bring a sack lunch for yourself. The hunt will start at 1 pm and end at 4 pm. This time the hunt will be contained within the Cape County North and South Park. The new twist on the event is that the "Fox" will be small enough to be put anywhere so those hunting may be on foot a lot. The "Fox" will be transmitting on 140.652 with a 30 second on and 30 second off transition. When you find the "Fox", you will have to bring the serial number to Ernie at Shelter 5. 2 elements will be enough power to find the "Fox". There will be a "Trophy" for the winning team!

We had no visitors tonight.

New Business

Field Day will be on June 23 to 24 at Klause Park beginning at 1 pm on the 23rd. EOC Coordinator Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, will have the EOC van for us to use. The Special Events group will need to organize this including radios, antennas and other supplies needed and the potluck which usually takes place on Saturday night. Go to ARRL web site to download info for this.

There will be a Ham Fest on April 14th. Go to memphisfreefest.com for info. There should be a lot of vendors as all tables have been spoken for.

The March meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1949.

Reminder – Dues are due NOW!

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brewington, KDØJMO
Secretary, SEMO ARC