

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of April 1, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, April 1, 2013, at 1900 by President Barry Doyle, ACØWL, with 21 members and 4 visitors present: Karen Eidson, Eric and Penny Wilson and Miles Mueller, son of Klaus Mueller.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Karen Brewington, KDØJMO, and were approved with a correction of the date for Field Day to June 22 & 23.

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported that last month's balance was \$2,309.74. Judy deposited \$150.00 received for membership dues, giving us a new balance of \$2,459.74. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Joe Lorberg, WAØZNI, reported that he is still working on the controller unit and hoping to get it up and running but still has some to go. He is trying all the parts to see what is working and what is not. Again, this is a trial and error process so it is taking some time but we are making progress.

Mike Niemeier, NØAKR, reported that the EOC had nothing to report.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported there were 10 members present at the last ARES meeting. They talked about ham radio history and then worked on radio programming. Next month they will be focusing on antennas. Ernie also stated that the 146.820 failed and had to be turned off and then back on and it is now up and running.

Secretary Karen Brewington, KDØJMO, requested that all members present review the current membership list to verify all their individual information.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reminded everyone that yearly dues are due now. He reminded everyone that the money is used to maintain our equipment.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that the Missouri QSO Party will be on April 6th and 7th. If you have an HF rig and want to participate in this, just get on and call CQ Missouri QSO Party to try to make contacts.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that he has not heard from Bill Pyatte on the change in date for Stars and Stripes. We are trying to get this moved to September. Barry stated that he will try to contact Bill again on this. Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, stated that we can still have our own group do it as a special event if we want.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, stated that Field Day will be June 22nd and 23rd. We are in need of people to work on this. Set up will be late Saturday morning and there will be a potluck supper that same evening at 6 pm. Breakdown will be about noon on Sunday. Dick Knaup will have the EOC van for us to use.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, stated that General Class this is going very well and he has 4 to 6 students that he is hoping will make it to test in two weeks.

Mike McCrate, KDØGUH, reported that there will be no post meeting training session tonight following the meeting. Next month's topic will be contesting and DXing and Larry will be teaching Morris code in July.

Klaus Mueller stated that he had a question regarding the proper procedure you should use when someone gets on your frequency. Several members stated that the best thing you can do is to tell them that eh frequency is already in use but because no one owns a frequency, it is usually first come first served.

New Business

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, asked if there was interest in another Fox Hunt. Many said they would be and a tentative date of June 8th was set. Ernie will try to get the shelter at Kiwanis Park for that day and all should bring a sack lunch for a noon picnic with the hunt to begin at 1 pm.

President Barry Doyle, ACØWL, requested that the following members be a part of the "Repeater Committee" to oversee the equipment:

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS
Joe Lorberg, WAØZNI
Dennis Ponsness, WBØWAO
Dan Russell, KDØIXM
Barry Doyle, ACØWL

All that were at the meeting accepted the request.

The March meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1935.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brewington, KDØJMO
Secretary, SEMO