

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of April 7, 2014

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, April 7, 2014, at 1901 by President Barry Doyle, ACØWL, with 21 members and 1 guest, Adam Elfrink, present.

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

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported that last month's balance was \$2250.55. She made two deposits for dues totaling \$285 and wrote a \$74.80 check for postage and envelopes, leaving a balance of \$2460.75. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Joe Lorberg, WAØZNI, reported that he is still working on the controller for the 685 repeater. He says the 685 repeater needs more fans on it to prevent it from overheating and shutting down.

Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, reported that the generator on the NOAA transmitter has been repaired.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that we had seven ARES members at the Red Cross exercise and that the Red Cross was very happy with our participation in the exercise. Both they and we learned a lot from it, and the Red Cross would like to do it again on at least an annual basis.

Ernie noted that the CASA 5K run was cancelled.

Ernie also reported that the ARES group had two good presentations, one in February with Barry Doyle, ACØWL, on weather spotting, and one in March with Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, on digital communication. Ryan Welker, KDØSLS, will be presenting at the April meeting on summer preparedness, and then the group will be in hiatus for the summer if there are no further programs. Dan Russell, KDØIXM, will continue to do the ARES nets on the 146.820 repeater. Dan and Barry have both been designated as ARES assistants for Cape Girardeau County.

Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, reminded everyone to bring their laptops to the April ARES meeting, and she will check the settings on the Fldigi after the meeting.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, commented that the Skywarn event on Thursday lasted about three hours, but no serious damage was reported.

Barry also reminded everyone that annual dues are due, \$25 per family.

He also reminded everyone of the Jackson Bicentennial special event coming up on April 24-25. It will be held at Klaus Park. We will set up on Friday morning and will operate until evening, then stay all night with the EOC van and continue to operate in the morning. If there is a big group, we will pass the hat to buy chicken, but if there is a small group, we'll be on our own as far as food is concerned.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reminded everyone of the May 10 fox hunt. The location has not yet been determined, but that information will be disseminated at the May meeting. We will eat a sack lunch at 12 noon and start the hunt at 1 p.m.

Ernie also reminded everyone that the QSL card challenge is over and that cards must be turned in by April 30. There is still time for entries in the QSL card design contest.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that the club still has \$313.01 available to purchase batteries and a trickle charge. Bruce Boulden, KDØHRY, volunteered to check on prices for these items, and Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, will look at the hamfest this weekend.

New Business

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that there is no truth in the rumor that the FCC is going to retest all recent generals and extras because they are reinstating code requirements. It was an April Fool joke.

The April meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1929, followed by an auction that netted \$290.50 for our club.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Acting Secretary, SEMOARC