

# Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of April 6, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, April 6, 2015, at 1900 by President Barry Doyle, ACØWL, with 26 members and 6 guests present.

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

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported that last month's balance was \$1715.74. She made deposits totaling \$495 that included a contribution and 4 membership dues, leaving a balance of \$2210.74. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

## **Old Business**

Joe Lorberg, WAØZNI, made a very generous donation to the club. He said the 440 repeater is working fine, as is the 82 repeater, but the squelch on the 685 needs to be upped a notch.

Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, reported that ARES was activated last month during a tornado warning. Ernie and Patty Chiles responded to the EOC to monitor the amateur radio band and forward spotters' comments to the Weather Bureau in Paducah. He thanked those ARES members who spotted weather and called it in, and reminded everyone to report concrete numbers for hail size rather than "marble size." When measuring the size of oddly-shaped hail, we are to measure the widest part of the stone.

Dick thanked club member Carl Black, KEØBKI, for attending weather spotter training. The training stressed that a spotter should always look for rotation before reporting a tornado to the EOC.

Predicted weather is for thunderstorms this weekend, although mostly to the east of the Mississippi River. The Weather Bureau looks at the best and worst models, along with the history of the area, to determine the average expected weather.

Dick attended a Hazardous Materials Conference this week.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that our April meeting will be the last ARES meeting on CPR, and that we will have a summer hiatus after the June meeting.

Ernie also reported on the Missouri QSO party that he and Carl Black, KEØBKI, participated in this past weekend. They were mobile in 7 counties and made a total of 238 contacts in 35 states, 35 Missouri counties, and a DX station.

He then reminded everyone of the fox hunt on Saturday, May 9, starting with a sack lunch at noon and beginning the actual hunt at 1 p.m. The location of the hunt is Shelter Number 2 in the Jackson City Park, and the hunt will last no more than two hours.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that the tower climber found a barrel connector on the 685 repeater that had come loose. He replaced the connector and dried it out, and the SWR is now down to 1.4. Barry also reported that we need to tighten the squelch on the 685 repeater.

Dan Russell, KDØIXM, has given the autoswitch to Tom Keene, WX9N, who will put on the connectors for the 685 repeater and install it the next time he is in town. This will allow us to run digital as well as analog signals.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reminded everyone that on Field Day, June 27 – 28, we will be getting Food Giant chicken for our covered dish dinner on Saturday at 6 p.m. Members can pay in advance or pay at the site.

Barry reported that Bruce Boulden, KDØHRY, is still at Southeast Hospital, and he asked that everyone pray for him.

### **New Business**

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that we lost the domain name for [www.semoarc.org](http://www.semoarc.org) and it will cost \$190 to buy back the domain. Eric Bennett, KEØATR, moved that we spend \$190 to buy the domain, and Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Tom Keene, WX9N is setting up a new digipeater at Bloomfield – 145.070 simplex – and he is considering adding a 220 MHz repeater at the site as well.

Barry also reported that the general manager of KRCU, who owns the generator at the 685 repeater site, has set up a meeting with the engineer and Barry to discuss a potential agreement that would allow us to splice into their breaker box and allow us to run a line from their generator to our repeater. It would cost between \$300 - \$400 because we would have to hire an electrician. Klaus Mueller, KDØNAV, moved that we go ahead with this project if it is approved by KRCU, and Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, reminded everyone that the SMART net will be on the 685 and 82 repeaters this coming Friday at 8:45 a.m.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, announced the Constitutional and By-law Committee would meet after the meeting.

Our guests for the evening were Donald McGinness, K9EXH, Linda Swoboda, Anna Marie Spence, Carletha Kosky, Carroll Loomis, K9LFX, and Rory Jaros.

The April meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1955.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU  
Acting Secretary, SEMOARC