

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of April 5, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, April 5, 2021, at 1900 by President Ron Morris, ADØBY, with 26 members and 2 guests present. Our guests for the evening were Larry Beard and Tyler Lang, AEØMK.

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

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported a beginning balance of \$19,944.72. She deposited \$330 in membership fees (including one \$5 donation), and she wrote one check for \$50 to Phil Nash, ACØIB, for a portable generator, leaving a balance of \$20,224.72.

Old Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that there were four ARES nets in March, totaling 7.5 man hours. There were 5.5 man hours logged on the Missouri Emergency Service and the Red Cross nets; 2.5 man hours logged for repeater maintenance; and 10.5 man hours logged for one Skywarn event. Barry performed the pull test for both repeaters. The generator started on the first attempt.

Barry reported that Eric Bennett, KEØATR, needed to add some diodes to get the interface to work with the 2-meter radio. Our echolink radio is now operational. It is in lockdown mode, so if anyone wants to use the echolink, he needs to give Barry his call sign to give access to the system.

Barry stated that there is a possibility of a Skywarn event on Wednesday.

Ron Morris, ADØBY, reported that there was no EOC report from Mark Winkler, but that Mark is waiting for our club to check out the new location for the EOC ham radios.

New Business

Ron Morris, ADØBY, announced that there will be an online technician class on Zoom from April 27 to June 22 at 7 p.m. If anyone is interested, see Barry Doyle, ACØWL, for more information.

Ed Myers, ADØWN, reported that the dead repeater batteries have been removed. He discussed the various types of replacement batteries, including several factors that the club needs to consider, such as their comparative safety, their cost, and the unknown factor of new technology. After some discussion of the various choices, Steve Delcambre, KØJXN, moved that the club purchase the NAPA commercial AGM battery as the replacement for the two dead batteries. Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reminded everyone of the upcoming fox hunt on Saturday, April 10. We will meet at the Number 3 shelter in Jackson City Park at 12 noon for a sack lunch, and the hunt will follow the lunch.

Ernie discussed the possibility of a POTA (Parks On The Air) special event station at the Trail of Tears State Park. We will need to get permission from the park rangers, and then we will set the date for operation sometime in May at the May meeting.

Ernie also announced that Larry and Debbie Rickman, KDØLBL and KDØLBM, have volunteered to allow us to use their property to hold our Field Day event in June. It was decided that we will not hold an overnight event but will operate for only several hours on one day.

The club purchased two generators from Phil Nash, ACØIB, for a total cost of \$50. One is a small 2000-watt unit that can be used for portable operations, and the second is a 5500-watt general purpose unit.

Ron Morris, ADØBY, announced that Southeast Missouri State University has invited our club to be a participant in First Amendment Day from 12 – 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21. Ron invited anyone to join him on the academic terraces to promote ham radio.

David Golightly, NØIAM, brought a number of 2-amp power supplies and offered them to anyone who needs them.

The April meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1945.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMOARC