

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of April 3, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, April 3, 2023, at 1830 by President Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, with 19 members and 2 guests, Charlie Mosebach and Chuck Schroeder, KCØHNZ.

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 \$20,449.52. She wrote a check in the amount of \$30 to the City of Jackson for the pavilion for the fox hunt, and a check in the amount of \$63 to USPS for postage stamps. She deposited \$150 for 6 memberships, leaving a balance of \$20,506.52.

Old Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that three weekly nets were held in March, totaling 5.25 man hours. Maintenance on the 146.685 repeater totaled 1 man hour, and the Missouri Emergency Service Net totaled 1 man hour. Skywarn training on March 7 totaled 3.5 man hours. Total Skywarn nets totaled 116.25 man hours. We dodged a level 4 weather event on March 31, and there is a possible Level 2 or 3 risk for tomorrow.

Barry performed the normal tests on the 440.200 and 146.685 repeaters, and both were operating normally. He did not visit the 146.820 repeater this month. He ran the generator for 20 minutes, and it started on the second try. The fuel level was at 68%, which is about 14 days of run time. Barry took photos of water on the floor and the wet drywall, and he texted them to Dave Obergoenner. There was no evidence of mice in the building.

Larry Rickman, KDØLBL, read a report from OEM Director Mark Winkler. DPS in Jefferson City has assembled the equipment for the MOSWIN tower. A quote for installation at the tower site has been received, and April or May is still the projected completion date. He also said that construction bids on the new Office of Emergency Management building will be opened on April 6. The new OEM communications vehicle is nearing completion; it has a bit more inside work to do in the rear compartment.

New Business

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, announced that the bio and photo of Phil Leible, WØQMF, is now on our SEMOARC website.

T.J. Vandeven, WØTJV, gave an update on the personalized club patches. The order for the 3-inch diameter patches was placed in February. The artwork on the sample patch was tweaked to visually improve it, and the patches were supposed to have arrived today.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, announced that the next hamfest will be the Memphis Freefest (actually located in Bartlett, Tennessee) on Saturday, April 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is called a freefest because there is no charge to enter or to hold a table; the purpose of the event is to raise money for the local children's hospital.

Ernie also reminded everyone of the upcoming fox hunt – rain or shine – on Saturday, April 29, at Shelter No. 5 in the Jackson City Park. Arrive at noon and bring your own lunch, as well as a handheld radio for the fox hunt after lunch. The foxes will be on 2-meter frequencies. Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, will be the fox master this year. There will be two teams; each will each hide one fox and then try to find the other team's hidden fox.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, reminded everyone to leave the door open at our meetings, because the door sticks. He also reminded everyone to vote tomorrow. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 1.

The April meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1900.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMOARC