

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of August 2, 2010

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, August 2, 2010, at 1900 by President Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, with 25 members and 2 guests present.

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

Treasurer Irma Frye, NØJPJ, reported no activity for the bank account, so it remains at \$2529.75. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

John Frye, WJØU, reported that he wrote letters of thanks to KMHM and KZIM Zimmer Radio and sent a \$1 check to Zimmer Radio.

Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, reported that he, Phil Nash, and Ernie Chiles attended the FEMA Region 7 two-day workshop for communication in preparation for the NLE that will take place in 2011, and that ham radio was stressed during the workshop. He said that computer-generated scenarios suggest that Cape Girardeau would fare better than expected in a major earthquake. He will be distributing badges to volunteers who will actually help in an emergency, but not for those who just want to sightsee. There will be a tabletop exercise meeting in October 2010 and a communication exercise in February 2011.

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Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that the club's equipment that is stored at River Radio's Illinois facility must be removed before August 26. It consists of two 4-foot diameter spools of hardline. Bob Seabaugh, KAØQCK, moved that any club member willing to remove the hardline could keep it to sell. Phil Nash, ACØIB, seconded the motion. The motion passed, and Robert Loos, KDØLZN, volunteered to take it.

Because no one brought a list of club equipment being stored at his/her home, the club equipment master list issue was tabled until the September meeting.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reminded everyone that Tom Keene, WX9N, will be holding a general class in mid-September.

New Business

Larry Ford, NØRIC, and Curtis Roach, WB4NMG, from the Bootheel club, gave a short presentation. Larry is the District Emergency Coordinator for the ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) program; Curtis is the Assistant Section Manager; Phil Nash, ACØIB, is the Cape Girardeau County Coordinator; Tom Keene, WX9N, is the Assistant in Cape Girardeau County; and Darryl Finney, KBØZKR, is the Scott County Coordinator as well as the Assistant for the District Emergency Coordinator.

Larry said that they are hoping to get an APRS node on Clark Mountain for trials. He also said that they are holding a luncheon meeting at the Hickory Log in Dexter, tentatively scheduled for September 18. All amateurs in the Bootheel area are invited for the Dutch lunch with meeting to follow. Curtis said to be sure to vote in the upcoming election for Section Manager.

Phil explained that the goal is to organize an ARES group in this area under the leadership of EOC Dick Knaup, KDØBSP. He asked for an affirmative vote to sponsor ARES by name, and he also had applications for anyone wanting to volunteer their service for ARES. John Clark, WØAVQ, moved that the club sponsor a local ARES

group, and Bob Seabaugh, KAØQCK, seconded the motion; the motion passed. Bob Seabaugh, KAØQCK, reported that the Red Cross has asked for amateur volunteers in the event of a major emergency. Those would be assigned from the ARES group. Larry Ford, NØRIC, said that local ARES would notify MAT (Mutual Assistance Teams that are drawn nationwide) if we run short of local manpower. After a discussion on getting the club newsletter via e-mail, Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, moved that it be put on a Yahoo group. Linda Nash, KDØGUM, seconded the motion; the motion passed. Phil Nash, ACØIB, commented on the lack of a signature on the editorial in the last newsletter, at which time John Clark, WØAVQ, quit and left the room. Karen Brewington, KDØJMO, volunteered to be the new newsletter editor. Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, noted that in the editorial it was mentioned that the club owns the 440 repeater, which is not true. Ernie bought the repeater from Morris Haman, and the paperwork was witnessed by John Frye, WJØU.

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The August meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 2005.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Chiles
Secretary, SEMO ARC