

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of August 1, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, August 1, 2011, at 1903 by President Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, with 23 members and 4 guests present.

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

Treasurer Irma Frye, NØJPJ, reported that there was no change to last month's balance of \$1778.01. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, announced that George Neilson, W9OTX, is a silent key. His cheery "Have a beautiful day" will be missed on the net.

Tom Keene, WX9N, reported that since our volunteer tower climber has not yet recovered from his blown knee, we need to consider other options. We need a certified climber who has at least \$1 million in liability insurance. Tom says it may be possible to relocate the 685 and 440 repeaters on a different tower with a higher location. KMHM has offered to allow us to move our 820 repeater 100 feet higher, but it would cost the club \$10 per month, as opposed to the \$1 per year we now pay.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, read a nice letter from Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, to the club, in reference to Field Day events.

After some discussion, it was agreed to hold our next fox hunt on Saturday, October 15. Details will follow at the September meeting.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, showed everyone the orange Emergency Communications t-shirt that he wore to Field Day. He said he has not been able to get in touch with the club that he bought it from last year at the Huntsville hamfest, but he will pursue acquiring them when he goes to the Huntsville hamfest later this month. Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, will be going to Horizon Printing and will ask them about their pricing, should we be interested.

Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, showed us three potential club logos and asked for input. Club members wrote their input on the backs of the logos, and Jodie will get back with the club with revisions.

New Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that he is interested in starting a Skywarn net for local weather spotters. He asked that those who are interested in joining the net sign up with their contact information. There will be weather spotter training sometime in February.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that several club members have been thinking of making the club a non-profit organization in order to legally protect itself and open up possibilities for donations. After some discussion, Barry Doyle, ACØWL, made a motion to research the logistics of such a move; Karen Brewington, KDØJMO, seconded the motion and the motion carried. Phil Nash, ACØIB, will contact the Missouri ARRL pro bono attorneys to get information.

Frank Bagbey, WØKAA, asked that a listing of the club's silent keys be placed on our website, and Ernie Chiles said that he would look into getting that done.

Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, thanked Dan, KDØIXM, and Mary Russell and Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, for their help with her Girl Scout event and said that it was a wonderful experience for the girls.

Tom Keene, WX9N, reported that he has a potential technician class of about twelve, and at least two who want to get their general.

Our visitors for the evening were Klaus Mueller, KDØNAV; Leo Haight; Gerry Keene, KDØOAC; and June Werchow.

The August meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMO ARC