

# Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of August 4, 2014

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, August 4, 2014, at 1905 by President Barry Doyle, ACØWL, with 25 members and 3 guests present.

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

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported that last month's balance was \$2730.06. She made a deposit of \$49 that included membership dues and \$9 in extra cash left over from the food fund from Field Day, and she wrote a check for \$20 to Ernie Chiles for coax, leaving a balance of \$2759.06. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

## **Old Business**

Joe Lorberg, WAØZNI, reported that the 685 machine may be shutting down due to overheating. He mentioned that Tom Keene, WX9N, is working on the controllers. Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reminded everyone that there is a 5-minute time limit on the 685 repeater before it cuts off, and that we need to break occasionally so that it does not shut down.

Mike Niemeier, NØAKR, reported that there was nothing to report from the EOC.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that there was nothing to report from ARES, since it is on hiatus until next month.

Due to the number of interested parties, a fall fox hunt was scheduled for Saturday, October 4, 2014. Ernie will have more details at the September meeting.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that Tom Keene, WX9N, is close to getting the 685 controller replaced. It will have a weather radio connected so that it will broadcast any weather warnings on the repeater, but the Skywarn net will still be able to talk over it. There will be no recorded voice messages, but the old messages will be saved for future use when our equipment is updated.

## **New Business**

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, made a motion to check out the price of a battery booster, and Klaus Mueller, KDØNAV, seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Barry reported that a new tenant on the tower where the 685 repeater is located may need secure access to their equipment. We may have to move our equipment next door so they can have that access. We will need at that time to move the 685 and the 440 repeaters to the room next door. At that time we will need a work crew to move the

repeaters and extend the coax to the new location. We will also have to be provided with new keys for that location.

Barry announced that he will be holding a new technician class beginning on Monday, September 8, 2014, from 6:30 p.m. to around 9 or 9:30 p.m. at the Perryville Police Department. It is possible that he will use a new curriculum for the class. He also reported that Perryville has a new EC.

Barry informed club members that our Christmas dinner will be held at the Dexter BBQ in Jackson on Saturday, December 6, at 12 noon. We will be able to order off the menu. We will announce the Ham of the Year at that dinner, so everyone needs to start thinking of a nominee.

Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, wanted to give some well-deserved kudos to Mary Russell for her work on taking and assembling photos and writing text for those photos to be put on the club website by Ron Doughty, KØMAJ. Their work is much appreciated!

Our guests for the evening were Carl Black, Nathan Sampson, and Henry Clark, KEØON.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, drew three tickets from the Door Prize Can, and the winners were Frank Bagbey, WØKAA, Betsy VanGennip, KDØQCY, and Judy Bradley, KCØWXS.

The August meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1932.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU  
Acting Secretary, SEMOARC