

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of August 3, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, August 3, 2015, at 1902 by President Barry Doyle, ACØWL, with 26 members and 1 guest present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Acting Secretary Patty Chiles, ACØCU. Corrections to the minutes included a change in the number of members present and a correction regarding the autoswitch which will be going in the 685, not the 82, repeater. The minutes were then approved.

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported that last month's balance was \$2235.45. She wrote a check for \$242 for the insurance renewal and made deposits totaling \$280 (a \$255 gift and \$25 for one new membership), leaving a balance of \$2273.45. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Joe Lorberg, WAØZNI, reported that there is some interference on the repeaters, and he reminded everyone to keep their transmissions short. He was appreciative of Dan Russell, KDØIXM, adding the time announcement to the repeater. Joe also made a donation to the club.

Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, had nothing to report from the EOC this month.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, had nothing to report for ARES this month since we are on hiatus until September. The decision was made to hold our fall fox hunt on Saturday, October 24. Ernie will announce the location of the hunt at the next meeting. We will have our sack lunch at noon and will begin the hunt at 1 p.m.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that we had one Skywarn event last month, and that we could use more mobile spotters. He also reported that our final score for Field Day was 1042 points. We made only 146 contacts but got 750 bonus points to increase the score. Barry reminded everyone that our Christmas party will be held on December 5 at Delmonico's in Jackson; the restaurant has asked for a head count in advance, so we will do that at the November meeting. He also reported that he has not yet had any communication from the University's radio station manager who owns the generator at the repeater site.

New Business

Dan Russell, KDØIXM, passed out information on how to contact the international space station where six people are orbiting the earth. There are several web sites that explain how and when to contact the station.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, gave a brief informational talk about a faulty coax switch. If troubleshooting intermittent signals reveals that the problem is in the coax switch, it may be because the copper contact has loosened and no longer makes contact.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, asked everyone to use the three repeaters. Don't just listen – at a minimum, identify yourself as monitoring the frequency. He reported that the 685 repeater site has a water issue, but the tower owner is planning on plugging the holes in the building to keep water out. At any rate, our equipment is high enough off the ground that the water is not a problem for us.

Dan Russell, KDØIXM, reported that he is considering starting a digital net on the 82 repeater. There will be more information next month.

Our guest for the evening was Earl Dunbar.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Acting Secretary, SEMOARC