

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of August 5, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, August 5, 2019, at 1900 by President Klaus Mueller, WØLKE, with 20 members present.

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 \$4030.98. She deposited the \$70 that had been collected for Field Day events, leaving a balance of \$4100.98. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that we had one Skywarn event with 15½ man hours. He requested that anyone checking into the Skywarn net should always give his location for clarity.

He also reported that he went to the 146.685 repeater site on July 27 to test the equipment, and everything checked out fine. He plans to meet with Eric Bennett, KEØATR, regarding replacements for the UPS batteries.

Barry also mentioned that he will be teaching a technician class at the Cape Girardeau Career and Technology Center beginning Tuesday, September 3. The class will meet from 6 – 8 p.m. for nine weeks.

EOC Director Mark Winkler reported that the county commissioners have signed off on the ESF plan. He also mentioned that he was contacted by the emergency management director of Butler County, who is interested in combining resources from other counties to help other jurisdictions in times of need. Barry Doyle, ACØWL, will contact the Butler County EOC to learn more about how this could be accomplished.

New Business

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that he would obtain a pavilion for the upcoming fox hunt and potluck lunch. A date of September 28 was chosen for the hunt. We will use the funds from the cancelled Field Day to buy chicken for the potluck and will eat at noon. The fox hunt will be held after the meal.

He also discussed the WPX award for working different prefixes and the nice certificate that is available.

Ernie also noted the August hamfests: O'Fallon, Missouri, on August 11; Huntsville, Alabama, on August 17 – 18; and Joplin, Missouri, on August 23 – 24.

Ron Morris, ADØBY, reported that the \$600 that was allocated to buy a club radio was no longer necessary. He thanked Smith DeLine, NØVGD, for donating an IC737 radio and speaker; Jody Rouse, W5KOK, for donating 100 feet of coax; and Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, for his years of loaning his equipment for Field Day. Smith DeLine, NØVGD, moved that we use the \$600 allocated for the club radio to buy a club amplifier, and Barry Doyle, ACØWL, seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the allocation was increased to \$700 for an amplifier and antenna hardware. Ron will store the equipment at his home.

Klaus Mueller, WØLKE, announced that the City of Cape Girardeau emergency planning team wants to go to the Mosswind system using cell towers. However, in case of a disaster where cell towers are down, they want to install at least one VHF rig in every city office and at least one HF rig in City Hall. The City will probably request a teaching course from us, as well as help in setting up radios in the offices.

The August meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1942.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMOARC