

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of August 3, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, August 3, 2020, at 1900 by President Ron Morris, ADØBY, with 15 members and 1 guest 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 \$20,318.84. She deposited \$12.50 for one ½ -year membership, leaving a balance of \$20,331.34.

Old Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that all the repeaters are operating normally. He went to both repeater sites this past month and performed pull tests on the 146.820, 146.685, and 444.200 repeaters. He learned from Dave Obergammer that the generator problem was that the fuel pump had been spewing diesel fuel. The room at the 146.685 repeater site is hot and will remain so, as no air conditioning is to be expected.

Barry reported one Skywarn event with 29 man hours. He reminded everyone that September/October is a noted secondary bad weather season and we need to be watchful. The ARES net on 146.685 will resume after Labor Day.

Barry has been asked several times about holding another technician class, but will not be possible until the Covid-19 virus limitations have been lifted.

Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, stated that there was no EOC report from Mark Winkler.

New Business

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, has been contacted by a Cape Girardeau woman who has some high-end CB equipment that she would like to sell. If anyone knows someone who would be interested in this equipment, give Ernie a call.

Ernie noted that the ARRL wants to change the band plan to allow technicians to have phone privileges on 80, 40, and 15 meters. If anyone has a comment about these proposed changes, now is the time to contact the FCC with his or her opinion.

Ron Morris, ADØBY, and Stan Sides, KØQMV, have signed up for a free virtual hamfest, and they encourage anyone who has the bandwidth to do the same. There are many seminars with different speakers, as well as vendors, available for viewing. See www.qsotodayhamexpo.com for information on the hamfest, which will be held on August 7 – 8.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, discussed the 146.820 repeater at Scopus and how those who live in marginal areas of reception and have difficulty accessing the repeater might improve that access. He proposed that he be allowed to ask Dave Obergammer to allow our club to increase the antenna height 100 feet on the tower, for a total height of 300 feet. If that isn't feasible, he would like to upgrade the antenna system. We would need to hire a professional tower climber to climb the tower in either case, and we would possibly need a filter to keep out the interference from other transmitters on the tower. Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, moved that we either raise the present antenna or improve the antenna, whichever is most feasible. Klaus Mueller, WØLKE, seconded the motion; the motion carried. Barry will begin by asking Dave Obergammer his opinion on whether the antenna can be raised 100 feet.

Our guest for the evening was Russell Goss, KD9FAL.

The August meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1931.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMOARC