

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of August 2, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, August 2, 2021, at 1900 by President Ron Morris, ADØBY, 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 \$19,925.82. She wrote a \$10 check to Bill Brown, KEØJDD, for payment to the Jackson Civic Center for extra time at the facility last month. She also wrote a \$234.32 check to Mercer for equipment insurance and deposited \$87.50 in membership fees, leaving a balance of \$19,769.

Old Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that there were no ARES nets in July; the net will resume on Wednesday, September 8. He logged 2.25 man hours for the Missouri Emergency Net, 3 man hours for WinLink, 2 man hours for repeater maintenance, 34 man hours for two July Skywarn operations, and 68 man hours for the POTA event at Bollinger Mill.

Barry reported that Rick Shanklin has officially retired from the Paducah Weather Service, but he has no information on Rick's replacement.

Barry also reported that the repeaters are operating normally. He did the usual pull tests on the 146.685 and 444.200 repeaters, and he ran the generator for 17 minutes. Barry said that some forecasts say to expect colder and wetter than normal winter weather this year.

Ron Morris, ADØBY, read a note from Mark Winkler, stating that the EOC was awarded a Port Grant through Homeland Security to add another MOSWIN radio tower site in the northeast part of the county. They are getting ready to remove equipment from the mobile EOC and asked if the club would be interested in any of the van's equipment.

New Business

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, announced that the Bollinger Mill Parks on the Air (POTA) event was successful, with about 23 individuals throughout the day. We made 245 contacts and 29 park-to-park contacts, which garnered the club a silver and a gold certificate. Lake Girardeau is a potential site for another POTA event; Ed Myers, ADØWN, plans to activate the site and will check on conditions for the club.

Ernie also announced that the Missouri QSO party was a success. He and Patty Chiles, ACØCU, worked the 200th anniversary party as WØH and made 673 contacts,

with 47 states, 7 provinces, and 24 counties. The next Missouri QSO party will be held on April 2 – 3, 2022.

Ernie reminded everyone of the O'Fallon hamfest that will be held at the Elks Lodge on Sunday, August 8. He said the Washington hamfest was well attended, and that the Halloween hamfest in Kirkwood is still on at the moment. Russell Goss, KD9FAL, noted that the Carlinville, Illinois, hamfest, another good hamfest, will be held on Saturday, August 7.

Ernie announced that he has several publications that he would be happy to loan out to anyone interested. One of the items is the FT8 Operating Guide by Gary Hinson, ZL2IFB. This helpful guide may be downloaded at https://www.g4ifb.com/FT8_Hinson_tips_for_HF_DXers.pdf and comes highly recommended.

Ed Myers, ADØWN, reported that the battery booster is still on back order. Several members commented on the difficulty of getting many products from the ham radio equipment companies.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that the Perry County hams have had their second meeting in the American Legion Hall in Perryville. There are approximately 15 members. They are working on a constitution, their officers have been elected and their dues set, and they are moving forward as a club. Sheriff Schaaf is looking forward to integrating the Perry County club into his office operations. Barry said that Christopher Wilson, WY9S, has a repeater up and running 50W, and the Perry County net runs on Sundays at 8 p.m. on 147.315 (100 tone).

The August meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1930.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMOARC