

# Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of August 4, 2025

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, August 4, 2025, at 1830 by President Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, with 18 members present.

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

Treasurer Karen Brewington, KDØJMO, reported a beginning balance of \$18,446.97. There were no deposits or debits, so the balance of \$18,446.97 remains.

## **Old Business**

Larry Rickman, KDØLBL, read an email from OEM Director Sam Herndon. He reported that they are still working through disaster recovery in Delta. They will be participating in the large communication drill at the sportsplex the week of August 18. There will be several agencies from the area with their radio equipment set up at the sportsplex starting on the 18<sup>th</sup>, and it could be worth stopping by to take a look at how things would work together in an emergency.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported a total of 4.25 man hours for ARES, 1 hour for 146.685 repeater maintenance and 3.25 hours for Skywarn nets.

He said that tower climber Dennis Karnes, N9TAK, will be replacing the upper antenna at the 146.685 repeater in August; the replacement antenna is in a box in Barry's home.

Barry performed the normal maintenance at the 146.685 repeater. He ran the generator for almost 30 minutes – it started on the first try – and the fuel level was at 80% which equates with about 16 days of run time. Both the Tripp Lite UPS and the APC UPS are functioning normally and working very well. He announced that NPR funding has been cut, and since KRCU is an NPR station, this could affect us. At this time it is unknown what will happen, if anything. The tower is owned by River Radio, but if we should lose the generator, we would still be fine using the deep cycle batteries for at least a period of time.

Barry also announced the death of Larry Ford, NØRIC, who had been the District E emergency coordinator. After some consideration, Barry has accepted this position.

## **New Business**

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that he, Art Miracle, KFØOYW, Trey Chiles, KDØLMK, and Dawn Brown attended the Washington hamfest, and they met Ken Nesslein, KEØYY, there as well. Art won a door prize almost immediately after depositing his ticket, and Greg Boyd, KDØLMJ, who had tasked Ernie with the quest for a Yaesu 817 transceiver, miraculously got not only the transceiver but also a Chameleon antenna with a remote control rotor. The hamfest had about 55 tables and was well attended. The next hamfest is the St. Charles (at O'Fallon) hamfest on August 10. It is about the same size, and most of it is inside and air conditioned.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, reminded everyone that we will be having a pre-meeting tailgate swap meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 8. Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, added that it might be a good idea to come a little early to grab a parking spot. Bring any equipment that is to be sold, put a price on it, and prepare to haggle.

Larry also reminded everyone of our September 20 fox hunt at Shelter No. 5 at the Jackson City Park. Ernie announced that it will be in the popular 2-group format; bring a 2-meter radio and any direction-finding equipment you would like to use. The sack lunch will begin at noon, with the fox hunt to follow. Ernie added that all should feel free to bring a luscious dessert. If inclement weather occurs, monitor the 146.685 repeater to see if any plans change, though the shelter is already paid for and we can still eat our desserts without getting rained on.

Larry also began the discussion of the possibility of linking our 146.685 and 146.820 repeaters. Russell Goss, KD9FAL, has investigated this, and he reported that we don't need a directional antenna but can use what we have. We have all the equipment to physically link the two repeaters, and Kirk Barks, WTØU, is working on some aspects of the project. Since the radios have been donated, the all-in cost will be under \$100. Linking these repeaters would provide a wider area of coverage; there is no disadvantage to do so. The link can be shut down remotely if necessary. Barry Doyle, ACØWL, moved that the club proceed with this project, and Karen Brewington, KDØJMO, seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Russell Goss, KD9FAL, requested input on the subject of Facebook. We could either do a SMOARC Facebook page to offer a public view to the community, or we could have a Facebook group of club members only, that can be regulated to prohibit spammers. Barry Doyle, ACØWL, said that we already have a Facebook account but that it is inactive. Barry moved that the page be turned over to Russell to update, and Bob Stone, KEØYJG, seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Barry also requested permission from the club to make a change to improve Skywarn traffic. He wants to get the code from Eric Bennett, KEØATR, to be able to turn off the Echolink during Skywarn events to avoid the interruptions from those who try to get into the repeater but cannot be heard. Russell mentioned that there is an option on Echolink for "receive only" which would solve that problem.

Ed Myers, ADØWN, announced that BG's is closing its doors, and Delmonico's is also closed, which leaves us without a venue for our annual Christmas party. After some discussion regarding potential restaurants with large enough rooms to hold 30 people, it was decided that Ed would check to see if Golden Corral is available, and if not, check with Yummy's as a backup.

Our next club meeting will be held on Monday, September 8, 2025. [Please remember that this is the 2nd Monday of the month, since September 1 is Labor Day and the Jackson Civic Center will be closed.]

The August meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1934.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU  
Secretary, SMOARC