

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club
Minutes of December 2, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, December 2, 2013, at 1900 by President Barry Doyle, ACØWL, with 21 members present and 1 visitor, Bruce Domazlicky.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Karen Brewington, KDØJMO, and were approved as read. Treasure Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported that last month's balance was \$2,015.42. There were no credits or debits made to the account and the balance stands at \$2,015.42. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Joe Lorberg, WAØZNI, reported that he is still working towards getting the repeater controller working better. The 146.440 machine may need some work as it seems to be getting bogged down. The 2 meter repeater will do this from time to time, also. Joe reminded us that if we let up every once in a while, it will help to ease this. Everything else is working pretty good.

EOC coordinator Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, reported that we had a computer problem with the door tonight but there was nothing else to report.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that the CQ magazine is still in business. They were just running behind on their mailing.

Ernie reminded everyone that the QSL contest ends in May and we need to keep trying to make those contacts and get the QSL cards. There are prizes to be had for the one with the most QSL cards. Also, make sure that you add Karen Eidson, KDØWXX, to the contact list.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that the Skywarn net was activated in November. Eight ARES members participated in this. He also noted that we are making an impact and there were people monitoring the traffic on Skywarn. Ernie also reminded us that there is a 5 minute delay between what is live on the net and what is reported on TV so we need to remember this when we plan to take cover. We will be depending on our watchers to give us updated weather info. The 146.820 is the primary frequency to use for Skywarn and the 146.685 is the backup. Other frequencies are also being monitored during a storm.

As a reminder, the ARES net is on the 146.820 and the next ARES meeting will be on January 27, 2014. January's talk will be on cold weather preparedness which will be given by Ryan Welker, KDØSLS.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reminded everyone that 2014 dues are now due. They are \$25 per family and the money goes towards maintaining our equipment.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, stated that the time had come to vote for next year's officers. Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, made a motion, which was seconded by Dennis Ponsness, WBØWAO, that a vote by acclamation is made to keep all current officers for the next year. The motion passed unanimously. Current officers are:

President: Barry Doyle, ACØWL, ac0wl63@gmail.com

1st VP: Mike McCrate, KDØGUH, big_river_resources_corp@hotmail.com

2nd VP: Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, plwheeler@earthlink.net

Secretary: Karen Brewington, KDØJMO, karen.brewington@yahoo.com

Treasurer: Judith Bradley, KCØWXS, jbradley13@gmail.com

Trustee: Joe Lorberg, WAØZNI, lorbergco@sbcglobal.net

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reminded us of the current 2014 Jackson Bicentennial special event plans. We will be holding a radio event on April 25th and 26th at Klaus Park, weather permitting. Barry Doyle, ACØWL, will get permission to use the club call sign for this event. Set up will be on Friday, April 25th and we will man the radios from about noon until midnight. Then shut down until 8am Saturday, April 26th and run until 6 pm. Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, will have the EOC van for our use, weather permitting. As we have for Field Day, we will have a pot luck dinner Friday night at 6 pm and get fried chicken from Food Giant. The cost will be \$2.50 per person. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass and a signup sheet will be passed around closer to the event. We will also have a signup sheet for those who will be working the radios so we don't have everyone sitting around waiting for their turn to get on the air. This will also make sure that we are covered for the entire time slot.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reminded everyone of the Christmas party to be held this Saturday, December 7th, at noon at the Branding Iron in Jackson. We will also have a gift exchange for those that wish to join in. Bring a

\$5.00 gift if you wish to participate in the gift exchange. Ham of the Year will be announced at the Christmas party.

New Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, suggested that we purchase a UPS for the 146.685 repeater. The UPS is a 1500 amp backup battery that would run the computer when power goes out at the repeater. We have no backup right now. The cost would be about \$187 plus shipping and tax. Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, made a motion, which was seconded by Dan Russell, KDØIXM, to purchase this. Discussion followed with a recommendation to purchase a UPS plus 1 marine deep cycle battery with a trickle charge. Total cost would be about \$400 and would be better for the equipment. We would run the repeater off the battery and the computer off the UPS. This would give us at least 30 minutes of run time if the power goes out. The previous motion was rescinded and Ernie made a new motion to have the technical committee investigate this and with a budget of \$500 get what is needed. Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Joe Lorberg, WAØZNI, is working on getting the repeater controller up and running. He will make this a priority project but reminded us that it will take time. A March 1st deadline was set to get a repeater controller repaired and working. If it is not ready by then, we will look into purchasing the needed equipment. A motion regarding the March 1st deadline was made by Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, and seconded by Klaus Mueller, KDØNAV. It was voted unanimously.

Our guest this evening was Bruce Domazlicky, KDØWVS, who is joining our club tonight.

It was noted that Frank passed away on Tuesday. Also, it was reported that Irma Frye stated that John's condition is deteriorating and that he is now on Hospice.

The December meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1948.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brewington, KDØJMO

Secretary, SEMO ARC