

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of December 7, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, December 7, 2020, at 1900 by President Ron Morris, ADØBY, with 13 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 \$20,359.34. She deposited \$175 in membership fees, leaving a balance of \$20,534.34.

Old Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that there were two ARES nets in November, totaling 4 man hours. There were no Skywarn events. He reported 69.5 man hours total, including work done on antennas. Barry reported that all repeaters are operating normally, but he discovered that the deep cycle batteries for the 146.685 repeater are weak and dying. He said it took 3 tries to start the standby generator, and he has spoken with Dave Obergammer regarding a fuel additive to prevent gelling of the diesel fuel. Barry has not yet checked with Eric Bennett, KEØATR, regarding the echolink radio.

Ron Morris, ADØBY, reported that EOC Director Mark Winkler has no EOC report, but he would still like one of the ham operators to stop in to check the connections on the HF radios to see if they are functioning properly.

New Business

Ron Morris, ADØBY, announced that he had arrived home to find a box addressed to the SMOARC from Santa. The 3 gifts inside the box were for Larry Fluegge, KØRKW, Barry Doyle, ACØWL, and Ed Myers, ADØWN, and they turned out to be 3-minute turkey timers.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, announced that the club could rent the City of Jackson Civic Center on a continuing basis for the next year for \$15 per meeting. The first Monday of the month is available, with the exception of Labor Day, in which case the meeting will be moved to the second Monday of the month. Also, if testing runs past the allotted hour, we need to tell the staff that we are running late. Stan Sides, KØQMV, moved that we rent the Jackson Civic Center for the next year, and Larry Mohundro seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Ron Morris, ADØBY, announced that because we didn't have a Christmas party – or any other social gathering – in 2020, we need to think about a spring fox hunt, barbeque, or some other form of get together for 2021.

After some discussion regarding the use of lithium deep cycle batteries for the 146.685 repeater, it was decided that Klaus Mueller, WØLKE, will do research on the batteries and charger. He will report his findings at the January meeting.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, announced that we will be testing 4 potential hams on December 22 in Perryville. He has offered to teach a spring general class, if there is enough interest. It would be held at the Perryville Police Station.

It was decided that the club will pay a lump sum to the City of Jackson Civic Center, and we will plan to be there for 2021 in its entirety. We need to change the announcement on the repeater to give our new location, and we need to let Carolyn Cremeens, KD9BUY, know so that she can announce it in her newsletter.

Bill Brown, KEØJDD, presented the well-deserved Ham of the Year award to our president, Ron Morris, ADØBY.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, moved that the current club officers be nominated and elected by acclamation as officers for 2021. Klaus Mueller, WØLKE, seconded the motion, and the motion quite enthusiastically carried. The 2021 officers are:

President	Ron Morris, ADØBY
1 st Vice President	Bill Brown, KEØJDD
2 nd Vice President	Ed Myers, ADØWN
Treasurer	Judy Bradley, KCØWXS
Secretary	Patty Chiles, ACØCU

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMOARC