

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of December 4, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 1830 by President Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, with 21 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 \$20,099.09. She wrote a check in the amount of \$180 to the Jackson Civic Center for room rental and a check in the amount of \$40.04 as reimbursement to Ed Myers for the Ham of the Year award. She deposited \$300 in membership fees, leaving a balance of \$20,179.05.

Old Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported little activity in November, but he did log 10 man hours for the We The People event. He visited the 146.685 repeater site; the generator fuel level was still at 61%, and the UPS batteries were slightly down due to the cooler weather. He also performed a boot on the 146.685 system.

Barry announced that thunderstorms are to be expected on Saturday. He also warned those who own a Midland weather radio that the radio must be reset using the slider switch on the right side of the radio.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, received no report from OEM Director Sam Herndon, but Mr. Herndon did call him to ask to meet this week to discuss equipment for the new building.

New Business

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, announced that after our January meeting, Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, will be field strength and power testing, so anyone who would like to test needs to bring handhelds and antennas.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reminded everyone that Winterfest, the first hamfest of 2024, will be held at Collinsville, Illinois, on January 27. He considers this hamfest the best one in this part of the country.

Ed Myers, ADØWN, reported that our Christmas party at BG's Deli was a nice event, and that BG's was a wise choice of location. There were 28 attendees.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported on a podcast he had heard regarding lids on the air. The podcaster is a retiree from the FCC enforcement division. The podcaster said that if you come across a belligerent lid, just spin the dial and move on – don't engage him. It is illegal to broadcast on amateur radio, and if no one engages him, he is considered to be broadcasting. Simply document what happened, and record him if possible.

Barry also noted that there will be a 10-meter contest this weekend, and this would be a good time to work the world.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, announced that the FCC has unanimously voted to remove the symbol rate restrictions in order to permit greater flexibility in using modern digital emissions. He also announced that the ARRL RF Safety Committee has developed new guidelines to communicate RF safety. A new informational PDF can be found on the ARRL RF Exposure page, *Helping Amateurs Interact with Neighbors Asking About Radio Transmissions* (<https://www.arrl.org/rf-exposure>).

Larry reminded everyone that we will have discussions in our January/February meetings regarding 1) 2024 fox hunts, possibly spring and fall, and whether we want local or mobile hunts; and 2) 2024 Field Day options for the last weekend of June. Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, brought up another possible event for 2024, that of a Stars and Stripes Museum special event at Bloomfield.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, moved that we retain the present slate of officers and elect them by acclamation for 2024. Barry Doyle, ACØWL, seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The 2024 officers are:

President	Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI
1 st Vice President	Larry Rickman, KDØLBL
2 nd Vice President	Ed Myers, ADØWN
Treasurer	Judy Bradley, KCØWXS
Secretary	Patty Chiles, ACØCU

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, announced that we have retained the Jackson Civic Center for meetings in 2024. The meetings will be every first Monday of the month, with two exceptions due to holidays in which the Civic Center is closed. Our January 2024 meeting will be held on January 8, and our September 2024 meeting will be held on September 9.

Karen Brewington, KDØJMO, noted that congratulations are due Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, for receiving the well-deserved Joe Lorberg Ham of the Year award for 2023.

Our next club meeting will be held on Monday, January 8, 2024.

The December meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1911.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMOARC