

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of February 6, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, February 6, 2012, at 1900 by President Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, with 29 members present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Karen Brewington, KDØJMO, and were approved as read.

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported that last month's balance was \$1,863.64. Judy deposited \$313.00 from last month's auction and \$361.00 for dues giving us a total of \$2,537.64. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that the "Junk" auction was a real success as \$313.00 was raised. Ernie stated that everyone had a good time and the proceeds were enough to reimburse the treasury for the cost of the tower climber.

EOC Coordinator Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, reported on the Weather Spotter Class. He stated that there were 58 present at the class. He also stated that later in the year there will be an Elite Weather Spotter Class. This class will give CEU credits to licensed meteorologists. Those who attended the previous class can attend the Elite class. The class will be approximately 3 hours long and those attending will have to pass a test to get the Elite designation.

Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, also stated that The Great Central Shake Out will be held tomorrow, February 7, 2012 from 10:15 am to 11:15 am on the 72.60 frequency on 40 meters. The 8 fault states will be included in the drill. This will be a check-in only drill. It was noted that the drill will be held on the 200th Anniversary of the New Madrid shaking in 1812.

Charles Schroeder, KDØDZD, reported that during the recent storms, the weather spotters did a great job of reporting on .685. He also noted that John Clark sent out an email regarding a memorial service for Steve Hay but that no date has been set per his widow.

Phil Nash, ACØIB, reported that the ARES net will be moved to .685 until further notice. He stated that all ARES members have their new ID tags and new members will need to have their photos taken for their tags. He also stated that the monthly ARES meetings will be held on the last Monday of each month at 7pm in this same room in the Cape Girardeau County office building in Jackson. The first meeting will be held on Monday, February 27th.

Joe Lorberg, WAØZNI, reported that the .685 and the .440 repeaters are both working fine. He reported that Tom Keene, WX9N, is looking at the .682 repeater which is currently off the air.

Per Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, Mike McCrate, KDØGUH, has started on the paperwork for the LLC.

There was some discussion on the current dues structure. Did we want to have an "associate" membership which would allow those members to come to the meetings but have no voting rights or leave things the way they are? A motion was made by Phil Nash, ACØIB, and seconded by Frank Bagbey, WØKAA, to keep the dues structure the way it currently is at \$25 per member or married couple. The voting was in the affirmative.

New Business

Stars and Stripes has tentatively been set for June 2nd as in past years there has been a conflict with Granite City. Stars and Stripes will operate from Friday night to Saturday night. Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, will have the EOC van ready for use.

Field Day is the last weekend in June.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, stated that the National Weather Service mentioned that we have a very active Skywarn Net. They congratulated us and will be continuing to monitor it.

Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, reported that the EOC will only be activated during a Tornado Warning or possibly during Severe Thunderstorm Warnings that may produce a tornado. He may need help in the short term but make sure that you call before coming to help as the building will probably be locked.

There were no visitors this evening and treats were brought by Irma, NØJPJ, and John Frye, WJØU, and Dan, KDØIXM, and Mary Russell.

The February meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1931.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Brewington, KDØJMO
Secretary, SEMO ARC