

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of February 4, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, February 4, 2013, at 1904 by President Barry Doyle, ACØWL, with 30 members and 1 visitor present.

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

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported that last month's balance was \$1,802.74. Judy paid \$9.90 to Ernie Chiles for parts for the repeater giving us a new balance of \$1,802.74. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Joe Lorberg, WAØZNI, reported that he is still working on the controller unit. He talked to Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, about ordering some parts and as soon as they are received, Joe will install them to see if he can get it working. Jody Rouse, KDØLDE, made a motion to purchase the spare parts that we need and Klaus Mueller, KDØNAV, seconded it. Motion passed.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, brought up the possibility of a repair committee to be in charge of working on, ordering parts and repairing the repeaters. He made this a motion and Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, seconded this. Motion passed. Barry Doyle, ACØWL, will ask people to serve on this.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, stated that we should have a spare controller.

EOC coordinator Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, stated that we have had some active weather to start the 2013 season. January 29th was a very active night. The National Weather Service reported 100 funnel clouds in our area. One tornado was reported in Delta with winds of 120 miles an hour. Barry Doyle, ACØWL, stated that the 146.820 was very active that night also.

Dick stated that Paducah has updated their radar and has a new dual poled radar system. Cape County is looking at their own 500 foot tower and Dick stated that if this takes place, he will offer a slot for a ham repeater. He also stated that the county is now asking for a reserved fee for their shelters for future events but Dick has reserved the shelter at Klaus Park for our Field Day event with no fee.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, stated that there were 12 people at this month's ARES meeting. Topics for upcoming meetings are as follows:

February 25th – programming a radio

March 25th – antenna preparedness

April 29th – emergency bug out bags
If anyone is interested in joining ARES, please contact Ernie or Barry.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reminded everyone that dues are now due and are \$25 per family. He also reminded us of the auction to follow the meeting and the following upcoming events:

- MO QSO Party the 1st weekend in April
- Stars & Stripes the 1st weekend in June
- Field Day the last weekend in June

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, stated that he will be starting a General class the 1st Wednesday in March in this room. They will skip the last Wednesday in March as the room is already booked but will resume the 1st Wednesday in April.

Mike McCrate, KDØGUH, reported that we will begin post meeting training sessions in March. Topics will include emergency power at the March meeting, DXing and contesting at the April meeting, Morris Code and homemade antennas at future meetings. Volunteers to instruct these are needed. Please see Mike if you are willing to share your expertise. Klaus Mueller had an interest in packet radio.

Jody Rouse, KDØLDE, got an email from SEMO FEMA for communication of flood related issues. There may be a class in the future.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, stated that there will be a Weather Spotter Concepts class on February 27th at the Osage Center. It will be from 6 to 9 pm and seating will be limited so come early. There is a test that follows the class.

The February meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1932.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brewington, KDØJMO
Secretary, SEMO