

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club  
Minutes of February 3, 2014

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, February 3, 2014, at 1901 by President Barry Doyle, ACØWL, with 18 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 \$2,315.42. Payment was made to Barry Doyle in the amount of \$186.99 for the UPS backup and also \$27.88 for the Ham of the Year award and a deposit of \$150 for dues was made giving us a new balance of \$2,250.55. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

**Old Business**

Joe Lorberg, WAØZNI, was unable to attend due to the weather but Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that the 146.685 repeater was off line due to a power surge. Barry checked on this and it is now working. The new UPS for the machine has been installed and is working properly.

EOC coordinator Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, was unable to attend tonight so there was no report.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that the January ARES meeting was a good one and Ryan Welker, KDØSLS, gave a good talk on cold weather preparedness. Barry Doyle, ACØWL, will be giving a talk at the February meeting on weather spotting and Jody Rouse, KDØLDE, will speak in March on digital communications.

Ernie also reminded everyone that the QSL card challenge will end on March 31<sup>st</sup> so keep trying to get those contacts. 1<sup>st</sup> prize is a VHF transceiver, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is a UHF hand held transceiver and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is a multimeter. Prizes will be awarded at the May meeting. Reminder: there is a separate contest for the best QSL card design. 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, reminded us of the current 2014 Jackson Bicentennial special event plans. Barry will contact city officials to see if we can get support. He has contacted QST regarding the upcoming event.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, stated that the UPS for the 146.685 repeater has been installed and we still have \$313.01 left for the trickle charger and deep cycle batteries.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reminded us of the auction after the March meeting. Proceeds will go to the club to help pay for equipment.

**New Business**

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that John Frye, WJØU, is now a Silent Key. Barry suggested that we have a special ceremony on the net to honor and acknowledge this and passed out copies of "The Ceremony of Last Call". After brief discussion, it was decided that we would have this ceremony this Wednesday during the 7pm net. Secretary Karen Brewington, KDØJMO, will send out an email to notify the membership of this event.

Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, will contact Irma Frye to let her know. Barry will conduct this ceremony.

Charles Griffith, KDØWXW, reported that the generator at the weather radio is fried.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, asked if there was interest in a **Fox Hunt** this spring. It was decided that May 10<sup>th</sup> will be the date for this and the location is yet to be determined. As in the past, we will meet at 12 noon for a sack lunch and the hunt will begin at 1 pm. You may not contact the parks department to find out where the fox will be!

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that the Red Cross will have an Exercise on March 22nd and ARES members will be helping with this. Ernie also reported that CASA will have a Bike/Run event in March and would like us to participate by manning the check points. Further discussion will take place at the March meeting.

The February meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1941.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brewington, KDØJMO

Secretary, SEMO ARC