

**Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club
Minutes February 6, 2017**

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 1901 by President Klaus Mueller, WOLKE, with 19 members and 3 guests present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by secretary, Karen Brewington, KDOJMO, and approved as read.

Treasure Judy Bradley reported that the ending balance last month was \$2,945.17. She deposited \$100 for dues giving us a new balance of \$3,045.17. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business:

Barry Doyle, ACOWL, gave the repeater report and stated that he had to replace the surge protector on the 146.85 repeater. He turned in a bill to the treasurer for that. Everything else is ok.

EOC Coordinator Dick Knapp, KD0BSP, reported that there will be an Elite Skywarn Spotter Training course on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 and passed out flyers to those interested. He highly recommended this. Registration is online at <http://bit.ly/2iMXVJ5>. Dick also reported that there is a regional drill coming up for KIMPAC (chemical warfare) in early June. This will be a fully functional exercise. Also, we are under a slight risk after midnight of severe weather so be prepared. As for the location of future meetings, we will still be meeting in the county building so try the downstairs meeting room first. If available, we will use it.

Ernie Chiles, WORMS, reported that ARES will meet on Monday, February 27th at the county building at 7 pm for Skywarn training. If you are not an ARES member, you can sign up that night. Ernie also stated that the spring Fox Hunt, will be on April 29, 2017 at the Jackson City Park pavilion #5 by the tennis courts. We will meet at noon with everyone that wishes bringing a sack lunch and the Fox Hunt will begin at 1 pm. There will be two teams, each hiding a "fox" for the other team to find. Ernie will also hold a short seminar on Fox Hunting after tonight's meeting.

New Business:

It was mentioned that there will be a solar eclipse on August 21st, 2017.

Jody Rouse, KD0LDE, made an announcement that there is a not for profit charity accepting donations for a new repeater tower. It is the Amateur Radio Tower Foundation, Inc. Tax deductible donations can be sent to the foundation c/o Jeff Carver, 2304 McCord St, Murphysboro, IL 62966.

Penny Wheeler, KD0GXZ, requested everyone put Field Day on their calendars. It will be June 24-25. Volunteer if you can as workers will be needed for all aspects. Eric Bennett, KE0ATR, suggested we have computerized logging software to keep track of contacts. We will need to decide by the April meeting if this is something we want to have.

Membership dues are now past due. We currently have 32 paid memberships. Ernie Chiles, W0RMS, made a motion and Barry Doyle, AC0WL, seconded it, that dues reminders be sent out to last year's members that have not renewed their membership for 2017. Barry stated that there is a letter on file and he will get that to secretary Karen Brewington to send out.

Our visitors tonight were Ward Gibson, Travis Gibson and Hunter Yates.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brewington, KDOJMO,
Secretary, SEMOARC