

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of February 5, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, February 5, 2018, at 1900 by President Klaus Mueller, WØLKE, with 20 members present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Patty Chiles, ACØCU, and were approved as read. A correction was made to the January minutes. Due to a transcription error, \$350, not \$375, was deposited, leaving an actual balance of \$3567.47. The books were corrected at the meeting by Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, and Klaus Mueller, WØLKE, and Barry Doyle, ACØWL, noted that the club books are audited annually and that any member is free to look at them.

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported that last month's balance was \$3567.47. She deposited \$150 for 6 memberships, leaving a balance of \$3717.47. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Dan Russell, KDØIXM, reported that there were no problems with the repeaters. Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, noted that while he was hospitalized and using a hand held, he had discovered that the Yaesu repeater does not have the sensitivity that the Kenwood repeater on the 440 has. Mark Allen, W6PC, said that this is a known problem with the Yaesu Fusion repeaters and that a preamp would help. After a short discussion, it was agreed that the Repeater Committee will look into getting a preamp for both repeaters.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, stated that there will be an eyeball ARES meeting on Monday, February 26, at 7 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex to discuss Skywarn. Anyone needing an EOC badge should see Barry Doyle, ACØWL.

Ernie also asked about holding a fox hunt. Several were interested in it, so Ernie will schedule a fox hunt for late April or May.

Ernie also asked about holding a swap meet before the June 2018 meeting. Bill Brown, KEØJDD, moved that a swap meet be held, and Barry Doyle, ACØWL, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, reported that he and County Commissioner Charlie Herbst had gone to the St. Louis County Office of Emergency Management for a workshop in Emergency Management: Amateur Radio Resources, which was taught by a former EOC. He was impressed by the entire St. Louis County operation. Hams run the large communications room, which is a very secure location in a residential area. As much as we would like our county to have something similar, the EMA budget was slashed again for 2018.

Dick also stated that at this point it appears that the bad weather is expected to be further south and east of our location tomorrow.

New Business

There was no new business.

The February meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1938.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMOARC