

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of February 3, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, February 3, 2020, at 1900 by President Ron Morris, ADØBY, with 29 members and 1 guest present. Our guest for the evening was Mark Rigdon, KEØRTH.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Patty Chiles, ACØCU, and were approved as read.

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported a beginning balance of \$4528.20. She deposited \$600 in membership dues, leaving a balance of \$5128.20. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that we had successful ARES nets all month with no Skywarn events and none expected in the immediate future. No alerts were given for the tornado that touched down on January 11, so we were unable to participate in that event.

On January 15, Barry visited with Grant Dade, Laura Wibbenmeyer, and Lisa Michaels at KFVS12. In order to best help KFVS12, it was decided to make a change to our normal Skywarn activation policy. Henceforth, Skywarn will go on standby at the first alert, so everyone can make sure their equipment is ready. The Skywarn net will then activate as the storms approach.

On January 22, after the 146.82 ARES net, everyone moved to 146.52 simplex for a brief exercise to see if everyone checking in could be heard direct; Barry was able to reach everyone on the simplex frequency.

Barry also reported that the repairs to the repeater building are almost finished. The generator started fine, and the batteries and UPS all checked okay. On January 18 there was a work day, and the building was cleared of all of our old equipment.

Mark Winkler, Cape Girardeau County EOC Director, reported that the January 11 tornado came 3 hours earlier than it was expected, and that there were 8 businesses with damage. It was an EF2 tornado with 125 mph winds; its path was about 10 miles long and 300 yards wide.

Mark said that on Tuesday, February 11, a weather spotting class will be held at the Civic Center at 6:30 p.m. Mark also reported that the County Commission has announced that a Public Safety Tax measure will be on the April ballot. The tax is meant to enhance law enforcement, but other departments, such as the fire department and the EOC, would also benefit from the tax.

New Business

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, discussed a spring fox hunt. It was decided that it will be a walking fox hunt to be held in the Jackson city park on Saturday, April 25. Bring a sack lunch at noon, and the fox hunt will begin at 1 p.m.

Ernie also mentioned that the Missouri QSO party will be held on April 4 – 5. He will bring a sign-up sheet to the March meeting if anyone is interested in participating.

Ed Myers, ADØWN, will be giving a demonstration on the NANO Vector Network Analyzer immediately after the meeting.

Ron Morris, ADØBY, announced that Field Day will begin on Saturday, June 27, with setup at 9 a.m. After set up, there will be two people on 2-hour shifts for SSB or one person for FT8. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Ed Myers, ADØWN, will order fried chicken for the potluck at Klaus Park on Saturday at 6 p.m. Everyone should bring a dish to share. Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reminded everyone that the evening nets will be run during Field Day for extra points.

Ron Morris, ADØBY, reminded everyone of the upcoming hamfests. The Memphis Freefest will be held on April 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Bartlett, Tennessee, and the Cave City Hamfest will be held on March 7 from 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Cave City, Kentucky.

The February meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1940.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMOARC