

# Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

## Minutes of February 1, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, February 1, 2021, at 1900 by President Ron Morris, ADØBY, with 24 members and 7 guests present. Guests were Michael Lilley, Darcy Lilley, Adam Meier, Steve Delcambre, Tyler Lang, KFØBWD, Mark Henry, WAØWIK, and Jonathan Goodpaster.

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 \$20,476.25. She wrote a check for \$22 for postage and a second check for \$900 to Reg Swan for our Scopus repeater. She deposited \$350 in membership fees and a \$5 donation, leaving a balance of \$19,909.25.

### **Old Business**

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that there were four ARES nets in January, totaling 10.75 man hours. There were no Skywarn events, but a Skywarn meeting was held on the 146.685 repeater on January 25. Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, Ron Morris, ADØBY, and Ed Myers, ADØWN, spent 5.5 man-hours installing the new Motorola 146.820 repeater.

Barry reported that all repeaters are operating normally. He did a pull test and the UPS was working fine. He ran the generator for 15 minutes with no problems. He reported the new Motorola repeater has been a great upgrade. It is a 45 watt machine, analog only, and the audio is excellent.

Barry got the model number for the echolink interface and will order it to repair the echolink connection. He also said that he could not report on the deep cycle battery needs so will postpone that discussion until the March meeting.

Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, reported that Cape Girardeau County EOC Director Mark Winkler is now a permanent resident of Perry County. He reports that the county is upgrading their communications to MOSWIN (Missouri Statewide Wireless Interoperable Network), and that all the antennas, with the exception of the ham radio antennas, are moving from the administration building to a water tower. Mark would like to upgrade the emergency van to a Suburban-sized vehicle. Dick announced that the National Weather Service provides daily weather briefings at 11 a.m.

### **New Business**

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, announced that the March 6 Cave City hamfest has been cancelled.

He reminded everyone of the mobile fox hunt on Saturday, April 10. The fox will be hidden within the city limits of Jackson. We will meet at a Jackson City Park shelter at 12 noon for a sack lunch, and the hunt will follow the lunch. He said that everyone would need a directional antenna and encouraged everyone who does not have one to look on line for "tape measure antenna" for instructions. Final details for the hunt will be announced at the March meeting.

Ron Morris, ADØBY, announced that at our March meeting we will discuss POTA (Parks On The Air) as a special event, probably within Trail of Tears State Park. He also reminded everyone that Field Day will be held on June 26 and 27, beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday and ending Sunday at noon. There will be 2-man, 2-hour shifts, including through the night. A sign-up sheet was presented. If there are not enough people signed up, we will not be able to have a Field Day.

Ron also announced that after the meeting, Adam Brown, NØNAP, will give a demonstration on Wires-X and how you can communicate with the world using it.

Patty Chiles, ACØCU, announced that the FCC is planning to require all new examinees to register in the FCC Commission Registration System (CORES) and receive their Federal Registration Number (FRN) before exam day, and bring that number with them to their exam session. They will also be required to have an email address.

The February meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1930.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU  
Secretary, SEMOARC