

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of January 2, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, January 2, 2012, at 1901 by President Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, with 24 members present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Karen Brewington, KDØJMO, and were approved as read.

Treasurer Judith Bradley, KCØWXS, reported that last month's balance was \$1871.01. She made a deposit of \$25, and paid Mike McCrate, KDØGUH, \$32.37 for food for the tower climbing crew, leaving a balance of \$1863.64. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Our annual Christmas Party was held on December 10th at the Branding Iron Restaurant, Jackson with 29 members and spouses attending. At the Christmas Party, President Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, announced the 2011 Ham of the Year was Mike Niemeier, NØAKR. We thank him for his contributions to the club for opening and closing the building along with many other things. All who attended the Christmas Party had a good time.

Joe Lorberg, WAØZNI, reported on the Repeaters. He stated that since the recent repairs have been made, the repeaters have sounded better than ever. Minor adjustments may be needed in the future but for now all is going well.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that the Scopus repeater is still in need of updates and we are awaiting approval for those.

Mike McCrate, KDØGUH, reported that there is no new news regarding the club becoming an LLC.

Richard Knaup, KDØB3P, reported that the EOC will hold a weather spotter class on Tuesday, January 24th at 6 pm at the Missouri Extension Service Center. The class will be a "hybrid" class combining the basics and advanced instructions and will last between 2 ½ to 3 hours. Once you have completed the course, you will get the 800 phone number to report severe weather. Come early to get a good seat. And Phil Nash, ACØIB, stated that the ARES net will be cancelled for that night only.

Richard Knaup, KDØB3P, also stated that we will need new badges for ARES members for 2012. He will arrange a date and time for this. Pictures from last year may be used for the new badges. Phil Nash, ACØIB, is recruiting members for ARES. He also reported that there have been suggestions on establishing a monthly meeting. Ideas for

when the ARES group will meet include the Thursday night before our club meeting. It was also suggested that the meeting include training. Phil, ACØIB, is still looking for a location to hold this meeting with the Cape Girardeau County office building or the Jackson Fire Department as possible locations.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reminded members that dues for 2012 are now due.

New Business

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reminded us to be thinking of activities for this coming year. Regular activities include a Fox hunt in March or April, Stars and Stripes and Field Day in June and another Fox hunt in the fall.

On a sad note, it was reported that on December 15, Steve Hay became a Silent Key. Although he had not been active recently, he will be missed. Earlier in the year we lost George Nielson. We hope that none will be added to that list in this new year.

There will be no one testing tonight.

Our visitors for the evening were Betsy VanGennit, KDØQCY, and Roger VanGennit, KDØQDA, and June Werchow who all joined the club before the meeting.

The January meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1921 followed by the "junk" auction. The next club meeting will be held on Monday, February 6, at 1900 hours in the Cape Girardeau County office building in Jackson.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brewington, KDØJMO
Secretary, SEMO ARC