
Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of January 7, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, January 7, 2013, at 1900 by President Barry, ACØWL, with 26 members and 3 visitors present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Karen Brewington, KDØJMO, and were approved with one correction to the treasurer's report in the minutes. The balance was \$1,490.46.

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported that last month's balance was \$1,490.46. Judy paid \$27.82 to Semo Speciality and Sports for the Ham of the Year plaque and deposited \$350.00 in dues giving us a new balance of \$1,812.64. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Joe Lorberg, WAØZNI, reported that the power supply was put on the 146.820 repeater machine. There is still work to be done on the controller on the 146.850 repeater. Joe is still working on replacing the chips on those that are having issues. This is a process of elimination to get everything up to par. Barry Doyle, ACØWL, stated that the 146.820 machine is now in good shape.

EOC coordinator Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, stated that he has nothing new to report.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, stated that he is reorganizing our local ARES to make it more functional. He will be working on making an active list of those members and redoing the calling tree. The next meeting will be held on January 28th at this same location. Bring your radios as we will be working on programming radios. For the February meeting, the ARES group may build an emergency antenna. Don't forget to tune in on Tuesday nights at 8pm on the 146.820 net. Ernie then introduced Dave Colvett, K4WWV, who is the ARES District E coordinator. District E is our area.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reminded us that there will be an auction at our February meeting. We will also have a Swap Meet prior to the auction where members can buy, sell or trade items they have or would like to have. The auction of donated items will follow with proceeds benefiting the club. Last year, the auction took about 1 hour so plan to stay if you can.

New Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, suggested that we participate in the **Missouri QSO Party** on April 6th and 7th. This is a more relaxed contest that can be done from a station or from your home. It runs on Saturday for 9 hours and Sunday for 9 hours. If we set up a station, it was discussed that we try to get Klaus Park. Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, said he would bring the EOC van for us to use. We had a possible 6 people volunteer to participate.

Stars and Stripes will be the 1st weekend in June. We discussed the possibility of changing the date of this to the fall but Dave Colvett, K4WWV, stated that it is hard to get this changed at this late of a date as the date has most likely been posted. We may want to keep this in mind for next year and talk to the Bootheel Club. We had a possible 8 people volunteering to participate in this event.

Field Day is the last weekend in June. We had a possible 10 people volunteering to participate in this event.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, stated that he is looking at starting a General class in March and would hold this on Wednesday nights. It goes for about 8 weeks. Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, said he would check to see if our present meeting location is available for that.

Klaus Mueller, KDØNAV, asked if there is interest in a question and answers type meeting following our regular meeting. Mike McCrate, KDØGUH, stated that he is currently looking into this. He would like to have 5 or 6 sessions in this coming year, each lasting about 30 minutes. Mike asked that everyone start thinking of things they would like to have discussed and we would also need volunteers to lead these "classes".

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that the National Weather Service has 2 hams on staff and they were able to reach the 146.820 repeater. They stated that because of the generator back up, this would be good for emergencies.

Dave Colvett, K4WWV, introduced himself. Along with being the ARES district coordinator, he carries several hats. He is trying to get to know everyone and include everyone and get us all to work together. Dave stated that we are the front line if there is an emergency and we need to be prepared and practice.

Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, reported that there will be a Get Ready Preparedness Fair on February 2nd in Carbondale. If anyone is interested and needs more info, contact Penny.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that the Christmas Party was a success with 29 attending and a good time was had by all. Music was provided by Barry Doyle, ACØWL, Dan Russell, KDØIXM, and Ron Doughty, KØMAJ. And the Ham of the Year was Barry Doyle, ACØWL. Congratulation Barry!!!! Thanks for all you have done for the club!

Judy Bradley, KDØWXS, stated that she had some phonic alphabet cards and if anyone wanted one, please see her after the meeting.

Reminder: We are now accepting dues for 2013. They are \$25 per family.

The January meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1947.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brewington, KDØJMO
Secretary, SEMO
