

**Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club
Minutes of January 5, 2015**

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 1900 hours by President Barry Doyle, ACOWL, with 34 members present and no visitors. There were no test takers for this session.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Bruce Boulden, KDOHRY, and were approved as read minus a bit of embellishment offered by the reader.

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KDOWXS, reported that last month's balance totaled \$3,188.68, which included membership fees and a special member contribution of \$325.00 for the repeater project.

OLD BUSINESS

Joe Lorberg, WAOZNI, reiterated the need for repeater etiquette.

The extent of the EOC report – Dick Knaup officially told us that it's getting colder.

ARES meeting will be held Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. on Dan's net.

Dan Russell, KDOIXM, presented and displayed the new 685 repeater. Various questions were asked as to its operation and capabilities. His presentation left the members satisfied and looking forward to its ultimate installation.

Conversation in this area included

- i. battery backup for some of the systems in our charge;
- ii. generator use at the site
- iii. Trickle-charge capabilities to keep the batteries in a ready state, etc.

The overall consensus was that we're (the Club) approaching state-of-the-art status in our communications endeavor and it's something to be proud of.

Because of the necessary "tweaking" it will take to be fully operational and so that everything can be done at one time (avoid multiple trips to the antenna site)

it was decided to allow Tom Keene time to receive the rest of the equipment that was still on order.

Barry made note that Dan Russell, KDOI XM, used his personal finances to procure all the new equipment and that the club was going to reimburse him, and thanked him for the convenience that act provided. The total cost was \$2,267.80.

NEW BUSINESS

Mention was made about the service, or lack thereof at Dexter's during the past Christmas party. Unofficially we're looking for another place or maybe to have Dexter change its policy and to treat private parties differently than their current policy by offering a wait service. Alternative places mentioned were Delmonico's and Wings Et Cetera.

Kirk Barks, NOKBE, reinstated his membership after being away, "...for some time."

Ernie Chiles made us aware of the upcoming auction for the February meeting. The proceeds from sales will benefit the club.

Patty Chiles, ACOCU, made the suggestion to update the membership list and send to Ron Doughty KOMAJ who manages our website.

The January meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1935 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Boulden, KDOHRY
Secretary, SEMOARC