

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of January 4, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 1900 on Monday, January 4, 2016 by President Barry Doyle, ACØWL, with 27 members present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Carl Black, KEØBKI, and approved as read.

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported that last month's balance was \$3398.39. She Deposited \$305 (An insurance refund for a damaged antenna for \$180 and \$125 gift and memberships), also a deposit of \$160 from Joe Lorberg, (WAØZNI). She wrote checks SEMO Specialties/Ham of the year plaque \$32.17 and to KRCU for electrical work for \$278. Ending balance was \$3553.22. The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

Committee Reports:

Repeater: Barry Doyle, ACØWL, Repeater is not presently on the generator due to a faulty GFI circuit. University electrician will have to make modifications. Karen Brewington, KDØJMO, moved and Klaus Mueller, KDØNAV seconded to have the electrician make the repairs as soon as possible and the club would pay for it. Motion passed.

EOC: Dick Knaop, KDØBSP, River is falling at a rate of about $\frac{3}{4}$ ' per day and expected to be below 42' by Wednesday which will allow Highway 74 to open. Anyone reporting more than 1' of water in their home should contact SEMA/FEMA when they get to town. Businesses will be handled through the Small Business Administration with grants and low interest loans. Agriculture should contact the Missouri Department of Agriculture. Next winter perceived threat is end of February, first of March and may be nothing at all with zero accumulation. To early for spring weather release. Flood Plain Maps have been rewritten due to this flood.

ARES: Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, No eyeball meeting in December, Carl Black, KEØBKI to provide the presentation in January and Barry Doyle, ACØWL the presentation in February. Tuesday Repeater check in on 82 @ 8:00PM, Net Control is Dan Russell, KDØIXM. All are welcome.

1. Hand Held Radios – Soft Power Key – provides continuous drain on the battery. Recommend remove battery when not in use. Also obtain AA back up batter pack for your Hand Held Radio. Most AA Batter packs for your radio cost about \$20
2. Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, has a WIFI receiver tester that he will loan out. Contact direct.
3. If you hold a Technician license issued prior to March 1987 contact the FCC about an up conversion to General, no test required, just fill out paper work. Additional questions see Patty Chiles, ACØCU.
4. Vanity Call signs are now free to all licensees.
5. Saturday, January 2, 2016 ARES was activated in support of Olive Branch, II (147.255 +600 118 PL Tone).

Old Business:

It is that time that Time that **annual dues** are due. Many have paid. Please pay.

Christmas Party was held at Delmonico's, agreed to use for 2016 Party.

Joe Lorberg, WAØZNI, Selected as Ham of the Year 2015

Tech Site is on line and **accessible through the Web Page**. Forum set up.

Due to upcoming area elections, club meetings are **moving to council chambers** on third floor until May. Club auction is postponed until May.

Darren Pope, KEØCMK, donated a **Motorola Quantar Repeater Cabinet** to the club. The cabinet is capable of holding and protecting all the repeaters. All wires will be off the floor. Dan Russell, KDØIXM, located and priced vented shelving for the cabinet. Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, motioned to purchase and Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, 2nd. Cost of approximately \$109.82 Club Passed.

New Business:

Eric Bennett, KEØATR, Proposed utilization of **ECOLINK**. Discussion followed as to what ECOLINK is (Computer to Radio, Phone to Radio, Allows multiple regions to communicate, Runs on Raspberry Pi, would need a class to learn how to operate). Eric Bennett, KEØATR, moved and Darren Pope, KEØCMK, 2nd, to incorporate ECOLINK into the club. Motion Passed.

Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, recommended starting activities for **Field Day** now.

1. GOTA (get on the air now)
2. Media Publicity
3. Demonstration
4. Site Visit (Elected Officials)
5. Operators
6. Set up/ Tear Down

New people to the Club:

Peter and Rachel Soland

*Terrance Kelley

*Roger Huffman

*David Rigdon – Tech Test (Passed) (New Call sign KBØDWR)

***Joined**

The January Meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 2005.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl Black, KEØBKI
Secretary, SEMOARC