

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of January 6, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, January 6, 2020, at 1900 by President Ron Morris, ADØBY, with 30 members and 7 guests present.

Our guests were:

Chuck Riley

Victor Gunn, KDØQCX

Ross Myers, KEØYHP

Christopher Wilson, WY9S

David Atkinson

Jody Crutsinger

T.J. Vandeven

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 \$4296.08. She wrote one check for \$33.40 to Ron Morris as reimbursement for fuel to travel to the Missouri Repeater Council meeting, and one check to Semo Specialties for the Ham of the Year award. She deposited \$300 for membership fees, leaving a balance of \$4528.20. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that the repeaters are all operating normally, and the generator fired up the first time. Work is still being done on the 146.685 tower site building. The breaker box was replaced and the air conditioner disconnected from the box. The road has been repaved.

Barry said we are expecting possible heavy rain this weekend, but no severe winter weather is anticipated. He also said the eyeball ARES meeting has been cancelled.

Mark Winkler, Cape Girardeau County EOC Director, reported that due to a 3-month contract with a company that is digitizing the county's records, our meeting will be held in the upstairs room again next month and possibly again in March. He reported that the Perry County Emergency Management Director Tom Grayson has been called to active duty for the next 1½ years, and Andrew Bohnert has taken his place.

Mark said that he is working on scheduling a weather spotting class for next month. He also said that he and Sam Hearndon are planning a county-wide exercise later this year or next year. It will be a progressive exercise, starting with a seminar, and then moving on to a drill, a table-top exercise, and finally a functional exercise. Mark also reported that the Dispatch Center at the Sheriff's office is ready to go on line by the end of March, as soon as training has been completed.

New Business

Ron Morris, ADØBY, reported that George Sample, KDØGUF, has donated a 12-foot gin pole to the club for anyone's use. With the Heathkit HT-200 amp now ready to go, the club has a complete ham station consisting of the amp, an ICOM 737, a power supply, a speaker, antenna erection system, and 100 feet of coax, all donated by club members.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that it is unknown if there will be a spring technician class, but there is one scheduled for the fall.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, said that the club will discuss a spring fox hunt at the next meeting.

Ron Morris, ADØBY, reminded everyone of the Winterfest hamfest at Collinsville, Illinois, on January 25, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Bill Brown, KEØJDD, mentioned that everyone should check out page 73 in the January QST magazine. It discusses a ham equipment insurance plan for QST subscribers, \$1.40 per every \$100 with a minimum of \$20. There is a \$50 deductible if equipment is replaced or a \$25 deductible if it is repaired.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, mentioned that we need to start planning for Field Day, which is coming up at the end of June. We are contemplating running SSB as well as FT8 this year. He also said that if there is a level 2 risk or above, we will abort Field Day.

The January meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1931.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMOARC