

# Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

## Minutes of January 3, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, January 3, 2022, at 1830 by President Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, with 21 members and 1 guest present. Our guest for the evening was Levi Snider.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, noted the names of the 2022 SEMOARC officers, and reviewed the activities held in 2021 in spite of the Covid restrictions. Our club participated in a QSO party – Field Day was held at the home of Larry and Debbie Rickman, KDØLBL and KDØLBM – several POTA events, a fox hunt, and great ARES net, Skywarn net, Sunday morning Phil Leible net, and evening .440 and 2-meter net participation. Twenty-three people also attended our Christmas party after a one-year hiatus.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Patty Chiles, ACØCU, and were approved as read.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, read the treasurer's report for Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS. He reported a beginning balance of \$19,766.78. Judy deposited \$175 in membership fees and wrote one check for \$180 as reimbursement to Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, for room reservations at the Jackson Civic Center, leaving a balance of \$19,761.78.

### **Old Business**

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that in 2021 we had 33 ARES nets with 248 check-ins and 7.52 check-ins per net, totaling 100 man hours. He had a maximum of 10 check-ins and a minimum of 4. There were 2 Skywarn events in December, totaling 61 man hours, and we logged 198.5 man hours for the year.

Barry reported all repeaters are operating normally. He visited the 146.685 repeater site and did a pull test, with normal results. The generator took two tries to start because it was so cold.

Barry encouraged everyone to phone others to warn them of potential bad weather. Not everyone depends on the television for weather reports, so we could save lives if we call others to ask them to get to shelter.

Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, reported that he had met with EOC Director Mark Winkler last month. The van has been sold to a person in northwest Iowa, who plans to use it as a food truck. It will be replaced, but it is not known when that will be done. Installation of the antenna on the water tower is on hold; coax cannot be put up until the tower has been painted.

## **New Business**

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, received permission to link the repeaters. The estimated cost of this is \$2000-\$3000, with the recommendation that we don't go with hardline but rather LMR-400 coax. Barry is now questioning whether we should do it after all, because it requires time to manage it. Barry moved that we continue with what we have and shelve the idea of linking the repeaters. Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Russell Goss, KD9FAL, reported that a Lewis and Clark special event involving 16 stations is still in its planning stages; there is no further update.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, reported that there is no new information on the backordered battery booster.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, announced that the best hamfest in this area is coming up on January 22 at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville, Illinois.

Ernie moved that we attempted to get a user-friendly programming repeater controller to replace what we have, since no one is familiar with the old programming technology and how to change messages. Barry Doyle, ACØWL, seconded the motion; the motion carried. Ron Morris, ADØBY, will check with Reg Swan to see what he has available.

The January meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1919.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU  
Secretary, SEMOARC