

# Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of January 2, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, January 2, 2023, at 1830 by President Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, with 15 members and 2 guests, Trey Chiles and Dawn Brown.

Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, read the minutes of the last meeting for Secretary Patty Chiles, ACØCU, and they were approved as read.

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported a beginning balance of \$19,872.69. She deposited \$300 in fees for 15 memberships, 3 of which were for family memberships, leaving a balance of \$20,172.69.

## **Old Business**

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reminded everyone to expect a potential Skywarn event this evening after midnight. Barry reported that 2 ARES nets were held last month for a total of 4 man hours. Ron Morris, ADØBY, logged 1 man hour for MCOMM training; Barry logged 1 man hour for repeater maintenance; and 4 man hours were logged for training with the Missouri Emergency Services Nets. A total of 222.75 man hours were logged for Skywarn for the year. There were 28 ARES nets held in 2022 totaling 225 check-ins, with a maximum of 13 and minimum of 4 check-ins. Barry noted that he has been keeping track of temperatures since 1996. The average temperature in 1996 was 57.93° and the average temperature now is only slightly higher at 57.96°. The coldest temperature during that time period was -14° and the hottest was 107°.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, read a report from OEM Director Mark Winkler, who stated that the next steps in the MOSWIN tower project include assembly by DPS, then a probable spring installation at the tower site. The plan for a new Office of Emergency Management building is still in the design phase; the proposed location is near LaSalle & Veteran's Parkway just off I-55. The new OEM communications vehicle is being rehabbed and retrofitted, especially the rear box unit, complements of the County's Building and Grounds Staff.

## **New Business**

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, noted that it may take several weeks for the requested sample of a 3-inch patch with our club logo to be created and shipped to us.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, announced that hamfest season is upon us, and the best local hamfest – Winterfest – will be held at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville, Illinois, on January 28. He also noted that Dennis Kerns called him to let him know that the 146.850 repeater is back on the air and that he would like to have some signal reports from our side of the river. Stan Sides, KØQMV, said that the 146.850 repeater group wants to set up a solar array at the repeater site, which is on top of Bald Knob. Barry Doyle, ACØWL, said that they have all the parts necessary for a 6-meter repeater which they plan to place at a later date on that same tower. The Get-em-up-and-off-to-work net is on every morning from 7:30 (sometimes 6:30!) to 9 a.m.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, announced that in the February or March meeting we will be asked whether or not we are interested in having Field Day 2023, and if so, what kind of Field Day to have. We will also be asked whether or not we would like to have a 2023 fox hunt, and if so, whether it should be a spring and/or fall event.

Larry also noted that our next meeting will be on Monday, February 6. The only meeting this year that will NOT be held on the first Monday of the month will be Labor Day – that meeting will be held on September 11.

Russell Goss, KD9FAL, announced that he will be helping the Boy Scouts of America with their radio merit badge course on Saturday, January 7, and he would appreciate anyone willing to help out on the 146.685 repeater for on-air contacts. The course will be held both morning and afternoon.

The January meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1856.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU  
Secretary, SEMOARC