

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of July 1, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, July 1, 2013, at 1900 by President Barry Doyle, ACØWL, with 18 members present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Acting Secretary Patty Chiles, ACØCU, and, after one correction in paragraph three under Old Business (“Labor Day” should read “Memorial Day”), were approved.

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported that last month’s balance was \$2151.29. She wrote a \$190 check for insurance, leaving a balance of \$1961.29. The treasurer’s report was approved as read.

Old Business

Joe Lorberg, WAØZNI, reported that he is in the process of getting a processor chip for the Hamtronic controller and is working on several of the other controllers as well. He is trying to obtain better schematic diagrams to work with. At the last hamfest he also was able to pick up a lot of free parts that may become useful.

Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, reported that there was nothing new to report from the EOC, other than the weird weather we are having.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that eight people attended the ARES meeting with their bug-out bags (BOB). It was an interesting meeting, because everyone had a different vision of the purpose of his/her BOBs, and everyone got some new ideas for his/her own BOB. The ARES meetings are on hold until September, when we will cover amplifiers. Ryan Welker, KDØSLS, volunteered to do a presentation on winter weather preparedness at the October meeting. Then the ARES meetings will again be on hold until after the first of the year.

Ernie reported that we had five teams for the fox hunt last month. Dennis Ponsness, WBØWAO, found both of the foxes first. Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, found both of the foxes but was disqualified due to the unorthodox method she used.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that Skywarn was activated because of the thunderstorm warning. Observers sighted a rotating wall cloud that moved from Oak Ridge to the Jackson/Cape Girardeau area and on to Scott City. Barry thanked all who had participated. He said that Dennis Ponsness, WBØWAO, had written a program to expedite the logging of Skywarn information. Skywarn uses the 146.82 machine for its operations because it has a back-up generator, but 146.685 is also monitored.

Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, reported that the county is changing the key system on the annex and is going to electronic key cards. Any time the SEMOARC uses the room for

a scheduled meeting, the computer should automatically unlock the doors during the meeting time. Our present meeting room will only be available for meetings that are considered county business. Therefore, all scheduling of the room must be through the EOC office.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reminded everyone to pay their club dues if they have not already done so.

He also reminded everyone of the Stars and Stripes event on September 20 – 21. Six people in the room intend to operate during the event.

Barry thanked Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, and Charlie Griffith, for setting up the county van for us on Field Day, and then thanked the food coordination ladies. Dennis Ponsness, WBØWAO, will be tabulating the results to send in. Barry reminded us that Field Day is not the last weekend of June but the fourth weekend in June.

Barry noted that he will be holding a technician class in mid-September. He also mentioned that we have not yet received a check for the replacement antenna for the 146.685 repeater.

New Business

Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, reported that St. Francis Hospital has a new communications trailer that includes a 2-meter ham rig, satellite radio, WIFI hook-up, big screen television, and a generator. They will eventually add a microwave and refrigerator. If Dick needs it for the county, it is possible the SMOARC could use it on occasion.

The July meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1935, followed by a presentation by Larry Fluegge, KØRKW, on Morse code.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Acting Secretary, SMOARC