

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of July 2, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, July 2, 2018, at 1900 by President Klaus Mueller, WØLKE, with 18 members present.

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

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported that last month's balance was \$3248.30. She deposited \$25 for a membership and \$50 for a donation from Smith Deline, NØVGD, leaving a balance of \$3323.30. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that he and Dan Russell, KDØIXM, had installed the preamp on the 146.685 repeater, but there was so much additional noise that they removed it. Dan spoke with a tech who gave them instructions on how to properly hook up the preamp, so they will try again when the weather cools. Barry reported they backed off the volume on the 146.685 repeater. There were no problems with the coax; it was fine on both repeaters.

Klaus Mueller, WØLKE, announced that Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, is retiring and will be leaving as EOC on July 10. Mark Winkler, the new EOC for Cape Girardeau County, is very supportive of our mission.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that this year's Field Day was the most successful ever. We made 647 contacts, with 47 states and 4 provinces. There were 10 people on the microphone and 10 more working as loggers. The new antenna performed well, and the amp helped. The club was able to capture a frequency and hold it the entire time. Duke Howard, WØTU, has offered to loan us a short tower to use with a 4-element 20m beam that Ernie has, in order to enhance our capabilities at next year's Field Day.

Ernie announced that the Washington Hamfest is scheduled for July 22. He also announced the weekly ham get together that takes place every Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Jackson McDonald's. All are welcome.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that we had a very short Skywarn event on Tuesday, June 26, and two major Skywarn events on Wednesday, June 27, and Thursday, June 28. These two events produced some damage in our area, but Illinois caught more damage than we did. Barry also requested more Skywarn operators.

New Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that he has an old controller for the old 146.685 repeater in his basement. He moved that he be allowed to wipe the hard drive and remove it from his basement. Dan Russell, KDØIXM, seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, asked if the club would be interested in doing a special event station at the new Vietnam wall being reproduced in Perryville before the September 21 POW/MIA Day. After some discussion, it was decided that Dan Russell, KDØIXM, will disseminate the information about the wall to others in the ham community, so that this new addition to Perry County will be advertised locally.

The July meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1942.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMOARC