Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club Minutes of July 5, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, July 5, 2021, at 1900 by President Ron Morris, ADØBY, with 22 members present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Patty Chiles, ACØCU, and were approved as read. Ed Myers, ADØWN, commented that the Icom 737 mentioned in the June minutes works fine; the problem was a defective meter.

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported a beginning and ending balance of \$19,925.82, since there were no debits or credits.

Old Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that there were no ARES nets in June; the net will resume on Wednesday, September 8. He logged 4.75 man hours for the Missouri Emergency Net, 100 man hours for Field Day, and 1 hour for maintenance on the 146.685 repeater. There were no Skywarn events.

Barry reported that the repeaters are operating normally. The battery booster is still on back order. He exercised the generator; the 444.200 repeater ran 52 minutes and the 146.685 repeater ran 62 minutes. He may visit the 146.820 repeater later this month.

Barry also noted that Rick Shanklin, the regional Warning Coordination Meteorologist for Paducah Weather Service, is retiring next month, so there will be a leadership change.

There was no EOC report.

New Business

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, thanked Larry Joe, KDØLBL, and Debbie Rickman, KDØLBM, on behalf of the club for their hospitality during the Field Day event. Only 54 contacts were made, but the event was intended to be a low-key social event, which made it a total success. About 25 people were there throughout the day, and everyone enjoyed the fellowship.

Ernie reported the next hamfest will be in Washington, Missouri, on Sunday, July 18, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

He also reported that the Bollinger Mill Parks on the Air (POTA) event is scheduled for Saturday, July 24, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Due to the construction going on at the site, he advises everyone to monitor the 2-meter and .440 nets to get up-to-date information on whether the event will need to be cancelled

Ernie also announced that the Missouri QSO party, sponsored by the Boeing Employees' Amateur Radio Society out of St. Louis, will be held on July 31 – August 1. The O'Fallon, Missouri, hamfest will be held on August 8.

Ed Myers, ADØWN, reported that the Icom 737 Field Day radio does put out 100 watts on all modes, so the radio does not need to be repaired.

Ed also mentioned that there are not two, but three POTAs in Cape Girardeau County. Lake Girardeau is the third one, and he is looking into the possibility of the club activating it at a future date.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, announced that Linda Nash, the wife of fellow ham Phil Nash, ACØIB, died on July 3. Please keep the Nash family in your prayers.

The July meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1929.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU Secretary, SEMOARC