

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of July 1, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, July 1, 2024, at 1830 by President Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, with 24 members and 1 guest, KEØYY XYL Sue Nessler, present.

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

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported a beginning balance of \$20,575.88. She deposited \$100 in membership fees. She wrote two checks, one in the amount of \$76.45 to Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, as reimbursement for testing materials donated to the library, and one in the amount of \$25 to Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, as reimbursement for the fox hunt pavilion rental, leaving a balance of \$20,574.43.

Old Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, announced that the ARRL Log of the World site is now back up and running. The site was breached on May 15 and has been down for the last 6 weeks.

Barry noted that no ARES nets will be held until the Tuesday after our September club meeting, but Skywarn nets will still be held whenever weather conditions warrant them. Repeater maintenance on the 146.685 repeater totaled 1 hour; he did not go to the 146.820 site. One Skywarn net was held in June, totaling 6.5 hours, for a total of 7.5 man hours reported to ARES for the month.

Barry ran the generator for 27 minutes; the fuel level was at 90%, which would allow it to run for about 18 days. He ran a 3-minute key-down test on the 440.200 and 146.685 repeaters.

Larry Rickman, KDØLBL, read a report from Deputy Director Sam Herndon from the Office of Emergency Management. The new OEM building is moving along slowly with final installation and electronics installs, and he is hoping to begin moving items into the building sometime in July.

New Business

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that the Granite City hamfest was plagued with rain, and there was little participation at the event. The next hamfest is at Washington, Missouri, on Sunday, July 21 from 7 a.m. to noon. This hamfest is usually a good one and is air conditioned.

Ernie reported that the fox was not found at our fox hunt, but a couple of the teams got within a block of his hiding place. Sixteen people attended. Ernie also noted that the desserts were pretty awesome.

Ernie also noted that My Daddy's Cheesecake is closed on July 4, so the Thursday club will have to meet at Burger King instead at the usual 1 p.m. time.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, asked for input on whether club members would be interested in an in-park fox hunt at the end of September. He will check to see if a pavilion is available at the Jackson park.

Patty Chiles, ACØCU, announced that she never received the 2024 Extra class test booklets and cannot get feedback from the ARRL as to when the booklets will be sent out. This is undoubtedly due to the problem they have had with the breach in their system, but until the booklets arrive, we cannot offer testing for those wanting to take their Extra exam. This does not affect the Technician or General testing.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, announced that we are expected to be at a Level 1 risk for severe weather on Tuesday and a Level 2 risk on Thursday. He is on vacation this week and will be available for any Skywarn events this week.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, announced that our next club meeting will be held on Monday, August 5, 2024.

The July meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1900.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMOARC