

# Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of July 7, 2025

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, July 7, 2025, at 1830 by President Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, with 17 present.

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

Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported for Treasurer Karen Brewington, KDØJMO, a beginning balance of \$18,345.97. There was no May activity on the account. In June Karen deposited \$350 from an anonymous donor and wrote one check in the amount of \$249 to AMBA for equipment insurance, leaving a balance of \$18,446.97.

## **Old Business**

Larry Rickman, KDØLBL, read an email from OEM Director Sam Herndon. He reported that they are working through disaster recovery from the April and May tornadoes, but nothing new is happening at their office.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, announced that he will soon be transitioning to part time work, or possibly retirement, and that he should be available for severe weather events after that. He reported that there were no weekly nets in June since we are on hiatus until after Labor Day. He reported a total of 14 man hours for ARES, of which 2 hours were for the 146.685 repeater maintenance and 12 hours were for Skywarn nets.

Barry announced that there will be no maintenance on the 146.820 repeater until the site has been cleared of tall weeds. Fortunately the repeater seems to be running fine; he did a visual of the antenna and the coax appears taut.

At the 146.685 repeater site, he found the generator dead due to a popped breaker; he contacted David Obergönnner to let him know. David has resigned as engineer at KRCU but is still working for the tower owners. Barry will be contacting Dan Woods, KRCU General Manager, for any future issues he finds at the tower site. Barry didn't run the UPS, but the deep cycle batteries were fine.

Barry reported that the guy wire was successfully replaced and that the tower has passed inspection. He contacted tower climber Dennis Karnes, N9TAK, and asked him to send dates when he can replace the upper antenna, but he hasn't heard back from him.

## **New Business**

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that he did not attend the Granite City hamfest last month so has no report on it. The next hamfest will be at Washington, Missouri, on Sunday, July 20, from 7 a.m. to noon. This is usually a nice hamfest and is held inside with air conditioning. Also coming up are the St. Charles hamfest (at O'Fallon) on August 10 and the large Huntsville, Alabama, hamfest coming up on August 16 – 17.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, announced that the Jackson Civic Center does not object to our having a pre-meeting tailgate swap meet, so we will hold that event at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 8.

Larry also reported that he has booked Shelter No. 5 at the Jackson City Park for our September 20 fox hunt. Everyone should bring a sack lunch at noon, and the fox hunt will begin at 1 p.m.

Larry announced that the Scout event at Southeast Missouri State University on June 3 was a resounding success. Henry Clark, KEØON, did a fine job of coordinating the event, and 47 Scouts received their radio merit badges. There were two sessions, one at 10 a.m. with 23 Scouts and one at 3 p.m. with 24 Scouts.

Kirk Barks, WTØU, moved that we invest the time and effort to check into the possibility of linking our 146.685 and 146.820 repeaters. Barry Doyle, ACØWL, seconded the motion, and the motion passed. We would need permission to do this from the tower site owners. Linking the repeaters could require the 146.685 antenna to be aimed directly at the 146.820 repeater, and those antennas cost only \$30 each. Russell Goss, KD9FAL, reported that his company has donated two communication radios to link the repeaters. This would enlarge our footprint, and it could be turned on or off by remote if needed.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that he enjoyed Field Day this year and made 171 contacts. He recommended that instead of hunting for contacts, it is better to find a frequency and stick to it.

Our next club meeting will be held on Monday, August 4, 2025.

The July meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1914.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU  
Secretary, SMOARC