

# Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of June 3, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, June 3, 2019, at 1900 by Vice President Ron Morris, ADØBY, with 21 members and one guest present.

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

Ron Morris, ADØBY, gave the treasurer's report in the absence of Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS. He reported a beginning balance of \$4227.98. A deposit of \$50 for memberships and a check to Mercer for equipment insurance in the amount of \$247 left a balance of \$4030.98. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

## **Old Business**

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that he tested the back-up batteries on the repeaters and they performed normally. The coax is also good. The church he attends owns the station KMHM where our 146.820 repeater is located, and he hopes to be able to obtain a key to the unoccupied building where the repeater is located.

Barry also reported that Jokko Williams, KE0UWK, had spotted a funnel cloud over Jackson during the Skywarn event last week. This coming Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning, there is a potential for a level 1 risk for severe weather. The ARES net on 146.820 is on hiatus until September.

EOC Director Mark Winkler reported that there has been another change in the emergency management program. On Monday, Sam Herndon, a new full-time captain with the Jackson Fire Department, was hired as part-time Deputy Director for the county. There are now four people in the EOC – Mark Winkler, Sean Mitchell, Michael Gentry, and Sam Herndon – as well as chief volunteer Dick Knaup, KDØBSP.

Mark also reported that for those who want to be NIMS compliant, they need to complete the certification for the 700, 800, 100, and 200 training courses on the FEMA website, and he would like to have a copy of those certificates.

According to Emergency Management, the maximum river level has been revised from 47 feet to 46 feet, but there is also the possibility of 3 – 6 inches of additional rain in the next five days.

Emergency Management had a meeting today to quell a few rumors. MODOT plans to raise a portion of Highway 177, and it plans to close Highway 25 at Dutchtown. Allenville is also a potential problem area for flooding. Security in the Allenville area will be provided by the Sheriff, the Highway Patrol, and Law Enforcement mutual aid. Medical issues will be handled by Cape County Ambulance. The Red Cross will provide shelter. The Health Department will be concerned with tetanus shots and potential

clean-up information. Fourteen boats from four locations – 8 from Cape – will be available as needed, and to date, 400 sandbags have been provided for two different areas. There are plans to elevate sections of County Roads 651, 649, and 205, as well as Bloomfield Road.

### **New Business**

Ed Myers, ADØWN, discussed details for Field Day on June 22 – 23. We still need a few people to sign up for slots on Sunday morning. Dinner on June 22 will be at 6 p.m. An envelope was passed around to pay for fried chicken – \$3 per person – and the award envelope was also passed around. All should bring a side dish along with their own paper plates, utensils, and beverages.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported the 10 meter round table net is on hiatus until September. He also said that they had a successful antenna party last Friday with 7 people and that we now have a 3-element 20 meter beam to use at Field Day. Brad Goodman, KEØNAK, volunteered to bring a trailer to the Chiles home at 8 a.m. on June 22 to pick up the antenna and tower, and the antenna party crew will help load it and take it to Klaus Park to begin setting it up by 9 a.m. The club will use only one radio this year.

Ernie also said that the next hamfest is June 9 at Granite City, Illinois, from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. Anyone who is interested in going should contact him for additional information.

Guest Neal McGuire of BSA Troop 11 announced that he is the Day Camp Director of a Cub Scout camp to be held on July 8 – 12 at North County Park, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There will be 60 – 90 Scouts ranging from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. He would like our club to come to the camp to give the Scouts an introduction to ham radio, based upon their age level. They would come in groups of 10 – 15 and would meet for 40 – 50 minutes. If club members would agree to help out, they can contact him through Jodie Rouse, W5KOK.

Jodie Rouse, W5KOK, announced that she had several deep cell batteries that she would like to either donate to the club or recycle. She is unsure if they are working batteries.

The June meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1958.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU  
Secretary, SEMOARC