

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of May 4, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, June 1, 2020, at 1900 by President Ron Morris, ADØBY, with 18 members and 1 guest 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 \$5282.20. She deposited a check in the amount of \$15,424.25 from the Joe Lorberg estate, and she wrote two checks, one in the amount of \$234.32 to Mercer for club equipment insurance and a second in the amount of \$28.34 as reimbursement to Ron Morris, ADØBY, for a cable for Field Day (\$26.34) and for notarization for the Lorberg estate papers (\$2). The club's ending balance is \$20,443.79.

Old Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, announced that the Wednesday ARES net is on hiatus until September. He reported three Skywarn events on May 3, 4, and 24, but the storms were not major. The Red Cross and ARES held a joint exercise on May 30, but our group did not participate. Barry reported that all the repeaters are operating normally. He went to the 146.685 repeater site, where he performed a pull test and ran the generator for 30 minutes. There is presently only heating in the building, but that may change later this year. After the renovation, the building looks very nice.

Mark Winkler, EOC Director, reported that Vicky Jordan's last day in his office will be June 3, so any requests for meeting space, etc., should temporarily go through Mark. He also announced that IT has moved out of the basement of the Administration Building, and the space has been given to the EOC, perhaps as an emergency operations center. He reminded everyone that Tuesday is Election Day and that there is an important tax issue to be voted upon.

Mark has secured Klaus Park for Field Day, and he will have the county van and light tower at the park on Saturday, June 27, in the morning. He also showed the club the Incident Command Organizational Chart that shows Cape Girardeau County, the cities of Cape Girardeau and Jackson, and Southeast Missouri State University working as a unified group. This will make coordination between all groups much easier.

New Business

After some discussion regarding the lack of interest and the effect of the Covid-19 virus on group activity, it was decided to cancel Field Day this year. This year the ARRL will allow operation of home stations if we choose to participate in Field Day.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that the Echolink radio is inoperative, but he doesn't know what radio is needed. He will check with Eric Bennett, KEØATR, on the type of radio needed to restore operation of the link.

Ron Morris, ADØBY, reported that the Huntsville hamfest website claims to be optimistic about their hamfest occurring in August, but others are doubtful. Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, announced that the Union County Amateur Radio Club will be sponsoring a tailgate hamfest on June 13 in Anna, Illinois. Check Carolyn Cremeens' latest newsletter for more information. Ernie also announced that the Ham Station has sold its building in Evansville, Indiana, bringing to a close the last brick and mortar amateur radio store in the area.

Our guest for the evening was Larry Vandeven.

The June meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1933.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMOARC