

# Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

## Minutes of June 7, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, June 7, 2021, at 1900 by President Ron Morris, ADØBY, with 23 members and 4 guests present. Our guests for the evening were Roger Sample, KFØFRA, Jonathan Long, Dennis Turner, and Darrel Laxton.

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

Secretary Patty Chiles read the treasurer's report sent by Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS. The beginning balance was \$19,932.72. Judy deposited a total of \$42.50 for two half-year memberships and a donation of \$17.50 from Dennis Ponsness, WBØWAO. She wrote two checks, \$35.40 to Jarit Keith, KØTNL, as reimbursement for parts for the repair of the generator, and \$14 to Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, as reimbursement for fuel and oil for the generator. The ending balance was \$19,925.82.

### **Old Business**

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that there were 5 weekly ARES nets totaling 9 man hours, and there were no Skywarn events for the month of May. The POTA (Parks on the Air) event totaled 60 man hours. Barry suggested that it would be a good idea for everyone to carry his medical information on his person to all events such as Field Day, just in case of sickness or injury.

Barry reported that he ran a pull test on the 146.685 repeater, and everything was good. He stated that the .440 repeater runs harder than the 2-meter repeater. The generator started on the first try. The building is well-sealed, so there was no sign of rodents or snakes.

Ron Morris, ADØBY, read the EOC report from Mark Winkler which stated that the county radios are ready to switch to the digital mode.

### **New Business**

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported on the POTA event of May 15 at the Trail of Tears State Park. There were 16 hams, plus several of their family members, who participated in the event. Operations lasted from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. We made 69 QSOs and contacted 23 states and 1 province. We also received a Bronze Hunter Certificate for making 10 Park-to-Park contacts.

The next POTA event will be held on Saturday, July 24, at Bollinger Mill State Park, using emergency power.

Ernie also reminded everyone that Field Day will be held on June 26 and 27. Our club will work Saturday only, and it will be held at the home of Larry Joe, KDØLBL, and

Debbie Rickman, KDØLBM, beginning at 1 p.m. Everyone should bring a covered dish and his own drinks for the 5 p.m. pot luck supper. Anyone wishing to order fried chicken needs to give Ed Myers, ADØWN, \$3 so he can order it.

Ed Myers, ADØWN stated that the repeater battery is in place, but we don't have a voltage booster yet. It is on order and is out of stock. Ed reported that the Icom 737 Field Day radio is not putting out 100 watts but only about 30 watts. If he can't figure out the problem, he may have to get an estimate for repairs. Ron Morris, ADØBY, brought up the possibility of selling the club's SB200 amplifier and buying a radio in its place. That discussion was tabled until the July meeting.

The June meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1934.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU  
Secretary, SEMOARC