

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of June 6, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, June 6, 2022, at 1830 by President Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, with 20 members and 2 guests present. Our guests for the evening were Will Klipfel and Andy Siebert, KFØJGD.

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 \$20,382.61. She deposited \$100 in membership fees; \$105 for the EOC radios that were sold; and \$11.04 for a refund from Mercer Insurance. She wrote a check for \$843.54 as reimbursement to Larry Mohundro for the purchase of the new Yaesu repeater and for the cost of sending in the old Yaesu repeater for repair; and a check for \$271.61 to Mercer for equipment insurance, leaving an ending balance of \$19,483.42.

Old Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that 4 ARES nets were held in May, for a total of 8 man hours. Also logged were 2 man hours for miscellaneous training; 3 man hours for a Skywarn event; and 10 man hours for repeater work. Barry thanked everyone who helped get the repeater on line. All repeaters are working fine, though he noted more noise on the new Yaesu has been reported. He may bring the power down to see if it sounds better; if it does, an amp may be added. It was voted by a show of hands to try reducing the power to see if we get less noise.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, read a report from OEM Director Mark Winkler, who stated that the tower move begins today; however, according to Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, it was suspended due to today's weather. The MOSWIN tower project is moving forward but is having supply chain issues. There was no further information on the Public Safety Communication Rodeo/Drill to be held on August 26 – 28.

Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, mentioned that there is a possibility that a new OEM will be built at Klaus Park and they are seeking federal funding to help pay for it. He also said that Mark Winkler will be retiring in July 2023.

The National Weather Service would like to increase the number of volunteer weather observers in Cape Girardeau County. CoCoRaHS is a volunteer network of observers who submit daily precipitation from their backyards. The data would prove useful to their operations at the NWS along with many other entities who rely on the data, such as farmers and insurance agencies. For more information on this network, check out the NWS Paducah CoCoRaHS webpage at https://www.weather.gov/pah/CoCoRaHS_Volunteers and the official CoCoRaHS website at <https://www.cocorahs.org/>. The network asks all observers to purchase the same 4" rain gauge for consistency and accuracy. The gauge costs about \$40 after shipping.

New Business

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, plans to attend the Egyptian hamfest at Granite City, Illinois on June 12. The next hamfest is the Washington, Missouri, hamfest on July 17; the hours are 7 a.m. to noon.

Ernie also said the CQ magazine is up and running; they are answering their phones and emails. After a 2-year wait, he finally received his WAZ award from them.

Field Day will be held on June 25-26. This year the rule is that no more than 100W may be used; therefore no amps are allowed from home stations. Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, will send an email to the membership regarding the event.

Patty Chiles, ACØCU, said that the new technician class pool will take effect on July 1. The ULS Application Filing System is now operational, but they have a backlog so new hams will have a longer wait to get their first call signs.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, said there is no further information on the Public Safety Communication Rodeo/Drill, and we will probably not participate. Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, spoke with the Cross Trails director last week, and she said they periodically check their radios. They are in the process of building a new clinic. Russell Goss, KD9FAL, noted that the Red Cross radio equipment is all inoperable.

Russell also mentioned that the Lewis and Clark Trails On The Air event is being held June 4-19. Check out their website if you are interested in participating in this event: www.lctota.org. You may receive a certificate by contacting one club in each of the 16 states on the historic Lewis and Clark Trail.

The June meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1922.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMOARC