

# Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of June 3, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, June 3, 2024, at 1832 by President Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, with 22 members and 3 guests 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 \$20,824.88. She wrote one check in the amount of \$249 to AMBA for equipment insurance, leaving a balance of \$20,575.88.

## **Old Business**

Larry Rickman, KDØLBL, read the ARES and repeater reports from Trustee Barry Doyle, ACØWL. Four weekly nets were held in May, totaling 8.25 hours. Repeater maintenance on the 146.685 repeater totaled 2 hours, and on the 146.820 repeater, 3 hours. A repeater meeting totaled 3 hours. There were three Skywarn nets in May, totaling 45 hours, for a grand total of 61.25 man hours reported for ARES for the month.

The generator at the 146.685 repeater site has been repaired. Barry ran the generator for 28 minutes; the fuel level was at 51%, which would allow it to run for 10.5 days. He performed maintenance on both repeaters. He runs these tests on the UPS and deep cycle batteries to make sure they can get us through a Skywarn event in case the KRCU generator fails to start or a power surge blows out our surge protector. We can run approximately two days on the deep cycle batteries.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, thanked everyone for their participation in the Skywarn nets. He noted that during the last event, 19 people checked into the net.

There was no report from the Office of Emergency Management. It was observed that one antenna is now on the tower at the new OEM building, but there has been no other activity because a main electrical panel is needed before the project can proceed.

## **New Business**

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that Kirk Barks, WTØU, went to the Dayton hamfest but made no headway on the question of our controller. Our radio does not have the ability to add a courtesy beep. MFJ did not attend the hamfest, and there is no further news on their status. Hopefully someone will pick up the business to keep it going.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, reminded everyone of the field day/potluck dessert/fox hunt on Saturday, June 22, at Jackson Park Shelter No. 3. It will begin at noon, rain or shine. Everyone should bring their own lunch and drinks, and anyone who wants to bring a dessert to share may do so. Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, said this year's fox hunt will simulate a microphone being keyed within the Jackson city limits, so it will be a direction-finding

exercise. Everyone will need a Jackson city map, and a directional antenna, since a handheld and pie pan will not be good enough for a mobile hunt. There will be a briefing at 1 p.m., and the hunt will have a time limit of 1 hour. Brandon Amelunke, KFØQHR, suggested that a Jackson city map may be downloaded online from the Jackson city website.

Ernie also announced the next three upcoming hamfests. The Granite City, Illinois, Egyptian hamfest will be held on Saturday, June 9, from 7 a.m. to noon. The Washington, Missouri, hamfest will be held the last week in July and is usually a nice one. After that is the O'Fallon/St. Charles, Missouri, hamfest.

Ed Myers, ADØWN, reported that Air Force veteran Keith Carter, KEØMOV, has recently moved into the Veterans Home in Cape Girardeau. He has helped Keith set up his Baofeng radio, and it works fine right out of his room. Ed encouraged others to visit Keith in Cape. Several mentioned that Keith has been on the net several times, and he has a good signal even without an external antenna.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, announced that the ARES nets are on hiatus until after Labor Day. However, Skywarn nets will still be held whenever they are needed.

Klaus Mueller, WØLKE, requested help in taking down his antenna, as he will be moving later this year. The club will get a crew together to get this done for Klaus.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, announced that our next club meeting will be held on Monday, July 1, 2024.

The June meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1909.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU  
Secretary, SEMOARC