

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of March 7, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, March 7, 2011, at 1900 by President Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, with 28 members and one guest present.

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

Treasurer Irma Frye, NØJPJ, reported that last month's balance was \$3234.96. She wrote one check for a duplicate key and deposited dues for four members, leaving a balance of \$3322.70. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Dennis Ponsness, WBØWAO, reported that the BBS should be up and running this month.

Tom Keene, WX9N, reported that the three people in his general class are all taking their tests this evening. He said that Barry Doyle, KDØJWE, and Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, will be getting their technician classes started soon. Tonight's training session will be on direction finding or fox hunting, and next month's session will be on contesting.

Barry Doyle, KDØJWE, reported that his technician class will begin on April 5.

Tom Keene, WX9N, reported that the 685 repeater has issues, including coax that is filled with water. Roy McMillan, KDØNBD, a certified tower climber, has volunteered to help us with the necessary repairs to our repeaters. We will get the 82 repeater repaired first, then transfer the nets to it and repair the 440 and 685 repeaters. The 82 machine needs an antenna and a backup battery, and the 685 needs hardline, antennas, and a new repeater controller.

Tom also said that the club's two duplexers are stored in the garage at his home.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reminded everyone of the foxhunt on April 16. He will announce the final rules and information at the April meeting, but he did let everyone know that the fox will be within the city limits of Cape Girardeau. He also reminded everyone of the swap meet on May 14 at JCS in Cape Girardeau. He suggested that we might combine one of these two events with a spring picnic; this will also be discussed at the April meeting.

Ernie reminded everyone of the Stars and Stripes event on June 10 – 11. Setup will be on Friday morning. Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, announced that everything is a go as far

as the museum is concerned. Ernie passed around the elegant certificate, created by Phil Nash's daughter Sabina, that will be mailed out to those who send us self-addressed, stamped envelopes to confirm a contact.

Our visitor for the evening was Fred Werchow from Marble Hill for testing.

New Business

There was no new business.

The March meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1940, followed by a training session on direction finding given by Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, Tom Keene, WX9N, and Dan Russell, KDØIXM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles
Secretary, SEMO ARC