

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of March 5, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, March 5, 2012, at 1900 by President Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, with 29 members present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Karen Brewington, KDØJMO, and were approved as read.

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported that last month's balance was \$2,537.64. Judy deposited \$175.00 in dues and paid \$27.75 to SEMO Specialties for the Ham Radio of the Year award plaque, giving us a new balance of \$2,684.89. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Joe Lorberg, WAØZNI, reported that the repeaters are working as good as can be expected and stated that we may want to upgrade them in the future. We will discuss this further in the future. Joe noted that the .682 is still off the air and will need more parts. Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, will get those on order.

Mike McCrate, KDØGUH, reported that there has been some progress on the LLC but we are not there yet. He requested 1 or 2 volunteers to read the legal documents for any changes that are needed. Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, volunteered to help and Barry Doyle, ACØWL, stated that he would check with his brother-in-law, who is a lawyer, to see if he would also look at it.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that Stars and Stripes will be on the 1st weekend in June.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, also reported that the Skywarn net was activated twice in 3 days: Feb. 29th from 3 am to 5 am and Mar. 2nd for about 2 hours. Barry stated that everyone participating gave good reports. He also stated that one person was deployed as a mobile spotter. All in all, everything went really well and Kudos's to all.

EOC Coordinator Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, reported that he had to call his staff in at 3 am on Feb. 29th. He also stated that Skywarn can call the EOC if they have something to report. On Feb. 29th, an F2 low end multi-vortex tornado caused damage mostly at Pochontas. Dick also stated that he will have the EOC van at the Stars and Stripes event. Phil Nash, ACØIB, reported that he called the weather service about the Oak Ridge damage and they appreciated getting that report.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, stated that The Great Central Shake Out held on February 7, 2012 wasn't as structured as it could should been to handle the number that were

checking in. Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, Phil Nash, ACØIB, and Dan Russell, KDØIXM, were on the air but never made connection with net control on 80 meters. Ernie stated that everyone was checking in at once and that they needed relay stations that were prepositioned.

Visitors for tonight were Loken Cordell, KE8AC, who became a member tonight and Jonathan Goodpasture who is studying for his test. Other visitors were Lacy and Tracy VanGennip, daughters to Roger, KDØQDA, and Betsy, KDØQCY, VanGennip.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that Ron Doughty, KØMAJ, attended the Veterans Home and gave a PowerPoint presentation on Ham Radios. He stated that the 2 meter and HF radios were tested there. It was a good presentation and many stated that they enjoyed it.

Stars and Stripes will be June 2nd with set up on that Friday. There will be 2 to 3 stations and help will be needed for set up as well as manning the radios. There will be a potluck supper on Friday night and a tailgate swap on Saturday. The calls will be scripted and easy for new people. Any call license is welcome.

New Business

There have been requests for a Fox Hunt, an opportunity to practice finding a hidden transmitter, for this spring. A date of April 28th was set. We will meet at North County Park at 12 pm. Bring a sack lunch for yourself. The hunt will start at 1 pm and end at 4 pm.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, stated that a new Technician class will begin on Wednesday, March 14th at 6:30 pm and last for 3 hours each Wednesday night for 7 weeks with the testing being given on April 25th. They will meet at the same location as our regular monthly meetings for the month of March but need another location for April. Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, stated that he might be able to get the Elks club for a location for April. Barry also reminded everyone that there is a new edition for the book for this class. It is a red book and has a new pool of 400 questions to draw from for the test.

Phil Nash, ACØIB, reported that the Salvation Army reported providing emergency communications. Also, he was told by Larry Ford that in Mid October, the National Boy Scouts have a Ham Radio Jamboree. If we had enough members that would like to assist, we could coordinate with the Boy Scouts in this area to help them join in on this event. This is on HF and could be connected with their Radio Merit Badge but this could include a lot of boys. They estimate between 150 and 200 scouts so this could be a Big Job!!! We could limit it to the on-the-air activity with a demonstration on radios but it will take a lot of members to help.

The March meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1942.

Reminder – Dues are due NOW!

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brewington, KDØJMO
Secretary, SEMO ARC