

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of March 2, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, March 2, 2015, at 1900 by President Barry Doyle, ACØWL, with 23 members and 1 guest present.

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported that last month's balance was \$1193.74. She made a deposit of \$557 that included a \$340 contribution, membership dues of \$75, and the proceeds from last month's auction, \$142. She wrote a check to St. John's in honor of SK Otha Wingo, KDØLMI, leaving a balance of \$1715.74. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Joe Lorberg, WAØZNI, made a very generous donation to the club.

Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, reported that he had been in a conference call with the National Weather Service this afternoon. He was told that we are expecting 1½" of rain Tuesday night, after which the front will pass through; it will turn into sleet and then into 4 to 6 inches of snow, and it will then warm up by the weekend. No flash flooding is expected.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, will continue the CPR training at the monthly ARES meetings, and the Tuesday nets will continue on 146.82 at 8 p.m., but there is no new news.

Dan Russell, KDØIXM, brought the adapter that will be used on the 146.685 repeater to allow us to run digital as well as analog signals; the 146.82 repeater is already digital-friendly. The 146.685 repeater has been unavailable for the last couple of weeks due to problems in the antenna system; we are therefore using the 146.82 repeater for our nets. Replacing the antenna did not help, so the problem is either the hardline or the jumper going to the antenna. Tom Keene, WX9N, made jumpers for the tower climber to use. We are looking for a good day for the climber to replace the jumper. The 440 repeater signal has been degraded because it is now on the lower antenna on the tower.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that he will be returning from a mission trip to El Salvador on Field Day, June 27 – 28, so will be unable to attend. We will have at least two radios and two antennas, and we will also have the EOC van available for us at Klaus Park. We plan to sign up in 2-hour shifts, starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Those of us planning to attend should bring money for fried chicken and a side dish for a potluck to begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

The club observed a moment of silence in honor of SK Otha Wingo, KDØLMI, for whom a silent key ceremony was performed last month.

New Business

Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, mentioned that we need to consider a new place for our annual Christmas dinner. Several places were suggested, such as Tractor's, Delmonico's, and Wings Etc. Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, said that she would look into these places and report on them at next month's meeting.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, asked if anyone was interested in a spring fox hunt. The response was positive, so a date of Saturday, May 9, was chosen. We will eat a sack lunch at noon and will begin the hunt at 1 p.m. The hunt will last no more than 2 hours. Ernie will announce the location at next month's meeting.

Klaus Mueller, KDØNAV, made a motion to make Tom Keene, WX9N, an honorary member of our club, in appreciation for all that he has done for us. Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, moved that the president appoint a committee to look at the club's bylaws and amend those that need it. Stan Sides, KØQMV, seconded the motion; the motion passed. Barry appointed the following members for the committee: Barry Doyle, ACØWL, Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, Carl Black, KEØBKI, Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, Karen Eidson, KDØWXX, Klaus Mueller, KDØNAV, and Judy Bradley, KCØWXS.

Our visitor for the evening was Dan Drury, KDØTNS.

The March meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Acting Secretary, SEMOARC