

**Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club
Minutes March 6, 2017**

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 1900 by President Klaus Mueller, WOLKE, with 23 members and 6 guests present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by secretary, Karen Brewington, KDOJMO, and approved as read.

Treasure Judy Bradley reported that the ending balance for February was \$3,045.17. Checks were written to Barry Doyle, ACOWL, in the amount of \$49.95 for the surge protector for the 146.850 repeater and to Ernie Chiles, WORMS, in the amount of \$15 for the reservation for the pavilion for the upcoming Fox Hunt. Judy deposited \$125 for dues giving us a new balance of \$3,105.22. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business:

Barry Doyle, ACOWL, gave the repeater report and stated that there is a problem with the 146.820 repeater. It appears to have received a lightning strike. The repeater is okay but the antenna and cams may have a problem. He will be getting someone out to look at it. There is a deductible of \$50 on the insurance policy so this will be all that the club will be out. Barry and Dan Russell, KD0IXM, will work on this.

EOC Coordinator Dick Knapp, KD0BSP, reported that last week's storms caused straight line wind damage in Cape County. Perry County was hit hard with a tornado and there was one death. Tonight, we are under a slight risk after midnight of severe weather so be prepared. Tomorrow is Severe Weather Awareness Day and there will be a tornado drill at 10:00 am. The siren test may not be done depending on the weather. Penny Wheeler, KDOGXZ, also stated that she is taking donations of Rubbermaid tubs and other things to assist those hit by the Perryville storm.

We had to use the upper room tonight for our meeting and we will also be using that room for the April meeting.

Ernie Chiles, WORMS, reported that the ARES meeting last Monday, February 27th was a good one and Barry Doyle, ACOWL, gave some excellent Skywarn training. If you are not an ARES member, you can attend and sign up at the next meeting. Ernie also reminded us that the spring Fox Hunt, will be on April 29, 2017 at the Jackson City Park pavilion #5 by the tennis courts. We will meet at noon with everyone that wishes bringing a sack lunch and the Fox Hunt will begin at 1 pm. There will be two teams, each hiding a "fox" for the other team to find. Ernie will also hold a short seminar on DXing after tonight's meeting.

New Business:

Ernie Chiles, WORMS, brought up a discussion on the nightly nets. Joe Lorberg, WA0ZNI, is no longer able to be net control do to health and radio location issues so the club was asked if they wished to

continue with the nets. The overwhelming response was yes. Ernie volunteered to continue the UHF net on the 146.440 Monday through Friday at 6:30 pm and after much discussion it was decided that the 2 meter net would go to once a week for the time being. This will be on the 146.850 repeater Sunday nights at 7 pm and Barry Doyle, AC0WL, volunteered to lead this net. The ARES net will continue on Tuesday nights at 8 pm on the 146.850 with Dan Russell, KDOIXM, and Barry Doyle, AC0WL, leading this net.

Barry Doyle, AC0WL, stated that Skywarn was activated last Tuesday night during the storms and Ernie Chiles, W0RMS, and Patty Chiles, AC0CU, went to the EOC office to run net control from there. Barry reminded us that Skywarn is only activated when there is a Severe Thunderstorm Warning or Tornado Warning and he complimented all those who participated during the storms.

Dan Russell, KDOIXM, reminded us that there will be a solar eclipse at 1:38pm on August 21st, 2017. Make sure you get the proper eye apparel if you plan to watch this. He also mentioned that there will be a High Altitude balloon launch from SEMO that day and there is a need for amateur radio operators to help track the balloons. If you are interested, please contact Dan Russell. Rich Meinke, KU9R, also stated that you will be able to track the balloons on the internet via aprs.fi. You can get more information by viewing the free forum on the club website at semoarc.com.

Membership dues are now past due. We currently have 38 paid memberships. Dues reminders will be sent out to last year's members that have not renewed their membership for 2017.

Our visitors tonight were Lloyd Gibson, Travis Gibson, Rich Meinke and Walt Lilly.

The March meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1957.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brewington, KDOJMO,
Secretary, SEMOARC