

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of March 1, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, March 1, 2021, at 1900 by First Vice President Bill Brown, KEØJDD, with 29 members and 1 guest 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 \$19,909.25. She deposited \$350 in membership fees. She wrote one check for \$15 for rental of the Jackson City Park pavilion, and a second check for \$174.53 to Ron Doughty, KØMAJ, for internet services for the club website, leaving a balance of \$19,944.72.

Old Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that there were four ARES nets in February, totaling 9.75 man hours. Ron Morris, ADØBY, Bill Brown, KEØJDD, Ed Myers, ADØWN, and Barry logged 5.5 man hours on Red Cross nets, and Barry visited both repeater sites, logging 2.25 man hours. There were no Skywarn events.

Barry reported that all repeaters are operating normally. He ran the 146.685 generator and checked the water temperature on it. He reminded everyone that the 146.685 repeater is the primary repeater for Skywarn, with 146.820 as its backup. If both repeaters are not working for Skywarn, our club has permission to use the 146.850 repeater in Illinois as a backup.

Barry is still in contact with Eric Bennett, KEØATR. Eric discovered that the new Signalink interface device for the echolink radio is not compatible, so Barry found a replacement interface from MFJ that should work. We should be back on Echolink soon. The discussion on the deep cycle battery was postponed.

Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, reported that the emergency management office has now been renovated and the office space reassigned. We will use the radio in their office every other month to check into the Missouri Emergency Services net.

New Business

Bill Brown, KEØJDD, reported that this coming Thursday at 6 p.m., Channel 3 will have a segment on ham radio.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, announced that the Huntsville, Alabama, hamfest is scheduled for August 21 – 22.

He reminded everyone of the mobile fox hunt on Saturday, April 10. The fox will be hidden within the city limits of Jackson and on public – not private – property. We will

meet at the Number 3 shelter in Jackson City Park at 12 noon for a sack lunch, and the hunt will follow the lunch. For anyone who is interested, the fox frequency will be 144.330. If anyone would like a tune up session to check out antennas, check with Ernie.

Bill Brown, KEØJDD, announced that we need to think of a May date to hold a POTA (Parks On The Air) special event at Trail of Tears State Park. We will discuss a date and time at the April meeting. He also reminded everyone that Field Day will be held on June 26 and 27. A sign-up sheet was presented. If there are not enough people signed up, we will not be able to have a Field Day. Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, mentioned that Mark Winkler said the van would not be available for our Field Day this year.

Bill also reminded everyone that all new examinees must register in the FCC Commission Registration System (CORES) and receive their Federal Registration Number (FRN) before exam day, and bring that number with them to their exam session. They must also submit an email address. These are also requirements for those wanting to upgrade their license.

The March meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1933.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMOARC