

# Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

## Minutes of March 7, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, March 7, 2022, at 1830 by President Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, with 27 members 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 \$19,936.78. She deposited \$285 in membership fees, leaving a balance of \$20,221.78.

### **Old Business**

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that we had 4 ARES nets in the month of January, totaling 8.75 man hours. Ron Morris, ADØBY, logged 4 man hours for Winlink training. One man hour was logged for 146.685 repeater maintenance, and 2 man hours were logged for the Missouri Emergency nets.

There were no Skywarn events, nor any emergency operations, during the month of February. Barry reminded everyone that during any emergency, we should use the simplex frequency of 146.550 or, if for any reason that is not available, the national simplex frequency of 146.520.

Barry reported that the repeaters are operating normally, with the exception of the high SWR. He ran the pull tests with normal results, and the deep cycle battery worked fine. He ran the station generator for 17 minutes, and it had an 83% fuel level. He reported that KRCU thought they had lost power during the ice storm, but it was later learned that their station controller had failed and had caused error messages. The generator had actually continued to work fine, and the system had worked. The error messages were cleared.

Barry reminded everyone that in-person Skywarn training will be held at the Jackson Civic Center in Jackson on Tuesday, March 15, at 6 p.m. Registration is required and may be found at <https://www.weather.gov/pah/spottertraining>. An elite class will be held at a later date in Poplar Bluff.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, announced that there was no new report from EOC Director Mark Winkler.

### **New Business**

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, reported that the repeater messages are being worked on.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that he had not attended the Cave City, Kentucky, hamfest. The next hamfests are at Godfrey, Illinois, at the Lewis and Clark Community College on March 19, and the Memphis Freefest in Bartlett, Tennessee, on April 9.

Ernie noted several items on the 2022 calendar of events. The Missouri QSO party is coming up on April 2 – 3. He encouraged anyone who is interested in putting out Cape Girardeau County to operate from his own home using his own call sign. Additional upcoming events include Field Day on June 25 – 26; the Granite City, Illinois, hamfest on June 12; the St. Charles, Missouri, hamfest on August 14; the Huntsville, Alabama, hamfest on August 20 – 21; a fox hunt on October 8; the Illinois QSO party on October 16 – 17; and our annual Christmas party in December.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, commented on the repeater incident during the ice storm, when our system worked as it should and the generator was never actually off line:

1. The information flow worked as it should have.
2. Our system worked as it was designed to do.
3. What we had was an incident. During a major event is not the time to learn lessons 1 and 2!

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, commented on the necessity of each of us knowing how to use our radios. Do not wait for an emergency to try to figure out how to change frequencies; read your owner's manual, learn it, and leave it with your radio in case you have to quickly move to a different location.

Stan Sides, KØQMV, requested the location of our next Thursday social gathering. It will be held at the Jackson – not the Cape Girardeau – McDonald's on March 10, starting around 12:30 p.m., to see if everyone likes this location better.

Klaus Mueller, WØLKE, thanked everyone who helped put up an antenna at his home so that he can get back on the air.

The March meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1907 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU  
Secretary, SEMOARC