

# Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of March 6, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 1831 by President Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, with 18 members and 2 guests, Charlie Mosebach and Michael Lilley.

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 \$20,422.69. She deposited \$280 in fees for 9 memberships and \$55 in donations. She wrote one check in the amount of \$232 to T.J. Vandeven, WØTJV, for club patches, and \$21.17 was automatically paid to GoDaddy for our club domain names, leaving a balance of \$20,449.52.

## **Old Business**

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that four weekly nets were held in January, totaling 7.5 man hours. Maintenance on the 146.685 repeater totaled 1 man hour, and the Missouri Emergency Service Net totaled 1.5 man hours. There were no Skywarn events in January or February. Three weekly nets were held in February, totaling 4 man hours. Maintenance on the 146.685 repeater totaled 1 man hour, and the Missouri Emergency Service Net totaled 1 hour.

Barry reported that all repeaters are running normally. He performed the normal tests on the 440.200 and 146.685 repeaters and ran the generator for 20 minutes. The fuel level was at 68%, which is about 14 days of run time. He found evidence of mice in the building but saw no damage on any of our equipment.

Larry Rickman, KDØLBL, read a report from OEM Director Mark Winkler. They are still looking at spring for the installation and completion of the MOSWIN tower. The county continues moving forward on the new OEM building; the design phase has been finalized and hopefully we will see ads to bid on the project by the middle of the month. The new OEM communications vehicle is almost ready for use.

## **New Business**

T.J. Vandeven, WØTJV, gave an update on the personalized club patches. The company will send a photo of the patch for final approval. The three-inch patches are fabric style, which is perfect for shirts and hats. They have a laser-cut edge as well as an iron-on backing which will help in stabilization for those who want to sew the patches down.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, announced that the next hamfest will be on Saturday, March 11, at the Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey, Illinois. Hours are from 7 a.m. to noon, and it is an indoor event. Ernie also announced that Tom Keene, WX9N, is downsizing and sent a list of ham radio items that he would like to sell. For anyone who is interested in the list, see Ernie.

Ernie passed around a photo of the original WØQMF, Phil Leible, and a short bio that will be placed on our SEMOARC website. Stan Sides, KØQMV, suggested that we add Phil's wife, Esther, to the bio. It was also suggested that Phil's original QSL card be added.

Ernie then announced that he had several ARRL handbooks that were available to anyone who is interested.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, noted that HRO is closing their store and is looking for a replacement location. He also announced that JoJo Stuart is the new Assistant Emergency Director with the City of Cape Girardeau.

Larry asked for input on whether we wanted only a fall fox hunt or both a fall and spring fox hunt. After a short discussion, a spring fox hunt was scheduled for Saturday, April 29, and a fall fox hunt was scheduled for Saturday, September 30.

Larry also announced that there will be an Earthquake Seminar in Portageville on March 16, and the Memphis Freefest is scheduled for April 8. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 3.

Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, noted that there will be a statewide tornado drill on Tuesday, March 7, at 10 a.m.

The March meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1913.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU  
Secretary, SEMOARC