

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of May 2, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, May 2, 2011, at 1905 by President Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, with 23 members and 5 guests present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Patty Chiles, ACØCU, and were approved as read.

Treasurer Irma Frye, NØJPJ, reported that last month's balance was \$3496.97. She wrote checks to JCS for equipment (\$1526.83) and to the Postmaster for box rent (\$62), leaving a balance of \$1908.14. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that the foxhunt was a great success. David, KCØLIW, and Cathy Golightly, KDØIAM, were the first to find the fox, using the latest in high-tech equipment: a handheld and a cake pan. Four teams out of six found the fox, who was located on the hill by the Boy Scout building. Ernie has promised that on the next foxhunt, the fox will find such a good lair that nobody will be able to find him.

Phil Nash, ACØIB, reported that we had a good ARES training session last Saturday. John Dissauer, KB9URR, visited with us on weather spotting. Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, plans to sponsor a class in the fall or next spring in order to increase the number of spotters. ARES will sponsor Skywarn under the umbrella of the Cape Girardeau County EOC, with Barry Doyle, KDØJWE, as the liaison with the new title of Assistant Emergency Coordinator. Phil reminded everyone that Dick Knaup could use some help with the phones in his office during weather events.

Barry Doyle, KDØJWE, reported that he has had up to three people attend his technician class. There are two more classes to hold before the test. Tom Keene, WX9N, said that he is willing to hold another general class if we can get at least six people interested.

Tom Keene, WX9N, reported that the new equipment for the repeaters is paid for and is stored in his garage, waiting for good weather to do the tower work. He said that the May 14 swap meet will be held rain or shine, and any tailgaters need to let him know if they want one of the five slots reserved. There will be a prize for the best Ham Glam costume.

Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, reported that arrangements are all made for the Stars and Stripes event on June 10 – 11. We will set up on Friday morning and break down by early afternoon on Saturday. There will be a covered dish dinner on Friday night. There will be at least two stations for our club members to operate. She passed around

a sign up sheet for both the Stars and Stripes event and Field Day. Ernie Chiles said that we will have a certificate for those making more than 20 contacts. Penny also passed out information on Map Your Neighborhood, a 9-step neighborhood disaster response plan. It is a self-help program where you can be trained to train your neighbors on how to handle emergency situations. Facilitator training will be held in Cape Girardeau on Thursday, May 19, from 6 – 9 p.m.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, showed us a SEMOARC logo that Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, has been working on and that we may want to use for shirt patches or letterhead.

Our visitors for the evening were:

Fred Werchow II, KDØNVS

Neil LaVanchy, ACØUT

Eric Lee, Terry Lee's son

Don Atkinson, NØBIV

Carol Atkinson, NØDIL

Secretary Patty Chiles, ACØCU, read a thank you note from the family of Sandra Fluegge, who passed away last month.

New Business

There was no new business.

The May meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1938, followed by a training session auxiliary power given by Mike McCrate, KDØGUH, and Phil Nash, ACØIB.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles
Secretary, SEMO ARC