

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club
Minutes of May 6, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, May 6, 2013, at 1900 by 1st Vice President Mike McCrate, KDØCUH, with 22 members and 4 visitors present. Visitors were Lacie and Tracie VanGennip, Tyson Johnson, and James Pappas.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Karen Brewington, KDØJMO. A motion was made by ErnieChiles, WØRMS, to approve the minutes as read and seconded by Klaus Mueller, KDØNAV. Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported that the balance that was reported last month was incorrect. The correct beginning balance for March was \$2,310.19 with a deposit of \$150.00 for membership dues giving a corrected balance of \$2,460.19. This month, Judy paid Ernie Chiles \$269.90 for repeater antenna equipment giving us a new balance of \$2,190.29. A motion was made by Dennis Ponsness, WBØWAO, and seconded by Jody Rouse, KDØLDE, to approve the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Joe Lorberg, WAØZNI, reported that he is still working on the controller unit and is making progress. He is trying all the parts to see what is working and what is not. Again, this is a trial and error process so it is taking some time.

Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, reported that the EOC had an emergency communications meeting last week and reported that ham radio operators are the "fall back" in our area and that Cyber terrorism was a topic that was discussed. Dick stated that other countries have people constantly looking to hack into big and small communities systems and not just the government so we all need to be aware of this threat.

Dick also stated that the county has received a new grant for 18 weather warning sirens. Motorola has been given the contract and will begin installing these this month. He also stated that 7 voting repeaters/receivers will be worked on.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported there were 10 members present at the last ARES meeting. They built two 10 meter antennas and two people were able to take this home to use. The May meeting will be a show and tell meeting so bring your "bug out" bags.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reminded everyone of the Fox Hunt that is scheduled for June 8th at Kiwanis Park. We will be using Shelter #2 and all should bring a sack lunch for a noon picnic with the hunt to begin at 1 pm. A head count was taken and about 6

people are expected to attend. Ernie noted that this is the same day as the Bootheel club meeting.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, also reported that there was a problem with the 146.850 repeater. The highest antenna was damaged and a climber had to come out. They found that the exterior was shattered and needed to be replaced. The tower owners will be paying the cost for the climber as they had some other work that needed to be done and Barry Doyle, ACØWL, will submit a claim to our insurance company for the antenna so we shouldn't have to pay any of the cost for this.

Mike McCrate, KDØCUH, reminded everyone that yearly dues are due now. If you have not paid your dues, please do so.

Mike McCrate, KDØCUH, reported that Stars and Stripes will be held on September 20th and 21st. Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, stated that he will have the EOC van there for us to use. About 10 people stated that they would be attending this.

Mike McCrate, KDØCUH, reminded everyone that Field Day will be June 22nd and 23rd at Klaus Park. We are in need of people to work on this. Set up will be late Saturday morning and there will be a potluck supper that same evening at 6 pm. Breakdown will be about noon on Sunday. Dick Knaup will have the EOC van for us to use and the Jackson police will be notified that we will be there all night.

Mike McCrate, KDØCUH, stated that we have 3 new Generals out of the class that Barry Doyle, ACØWL, taught.

Mike McCrate, KDØGUH, reported that Dennis Ponsness, WBØWAO, will teach the post meeting training session tonight following the meeting. The topic will be contesting and DXing.

New Business

Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, reported that for Field Day we will be getting fried chicken from Food Giant. We will be collecting \$2.50 per person to pay for this. Also, a sign up sheet is being passed around for what you will be bringing.

The May meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1938.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brewington, KDØJMO
Secretary, SEMO