Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club Minutes of May 5, 2014

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, May 5, 2014, at 1902 by President Barry Doyle, ACØWL, with 20 members and 2 guests present.

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

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported that last month's balance was \$2460.75. She made deposits totaling \$491 and wrote checks totaling \$271, leaving a balance of \$2680.75. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Joe Lorberg, WAØZNI, reported that he is considering donating half the proceeds from the sale of an amplifier he purchased at our auction, when it is checked out and ultimately sold.

Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, reported that there was no EOC news for the month.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that we held our April ARES meeting last Monday and discussed the Red Cross event. Due to a work emergency, Ryan Welker, KDØSLS, could not give his presentation on summer preparedness, so that presentation was postponed until the May meeting. Dave Colvett, K4WWV, the District E ARES coordinator, presented certificates to Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, Barry Doyle, ACØWL, and Dan Russell, KDØIXM, to make their ARES appointments official. After the May meeting, the ARES group and the ARES net will be on hiatus until the fall.

Ernie also reminded everyone of the May 10 fox hunt to be held in Shelter 5 in North County Park. We will have a sack lunch at noon, and the fox hunt will begin at 1 p.m.

Ernie reminded everyone that the ARRL-sponsored W1AW/Ø centennial event is looking for operators. Anyone who is interested should first listen to others on the air to determine if they want to try to handle the pile-ups, and then let Ernie know so he can add them to the master calendar in 2-hour time slots.

Ernie announced the results of the QSL card challenge. The winner, with 97 points, was Dan Russell, KDØIXM, and the prize of the Icom IC-28A VHF radio was well deserved. There were three entries for the best QSL card contest. Dan was also the winner of that contest and received a multimeter. Consolation prizes were given to the other entrants, Barry Doyle, ACØWL, and Mike McCrate, KDØGUH.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, announced that we made 234 contacts at the Jackson bicentennial in Klaus Park last week. We shut down earlier than expected due to a

solar flare that destroyed propagation. Dan Russell, KDØIXM, designed the bicentennial QSL card, and we have received 23 QSL card requests so far.

New Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reminded everyone that Field Day is coming up on June 28 - 29. We will hold it in Klaus Park, but we need operators. A sign-up sheet was made so that club members could designate what times they would be available to set up, take down, or operate. There will be \$3 per person collected for fried chicken, and everyone is to bring a side dish to go with the chicken.

Barry also announced that the Bootheel Club wants to do the Stars and Strips special event station with us on September 26 - 27. After some discussion on whether to do it or not, a vote was taken, the outcome of which was in favor of holding the special event. If the Bootheel Club can agreeable to that date, we will participate, but the club will not participate if that date is not acceptable.

The May meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1950. After the close of the meeting, it was brought to our attention that a former club member, George Clark, W9AVQ, is a silent key.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU Acting Secretary, SEMOARC