

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club
Minutes of May 7, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, May 7, 2018, at 1902 by President Klaus Mueller, WØLKE, with 17 members and 3 guests present.

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

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported that last month's balance was \$3846.45. She deposited \$150 for memberships and wrote checks for \$74 to the USPS for box rental; \$10 to the USPS for postage; and \$119.20 to Barry Doyle, ACØWL, for the preamp for the .685 repeater, leaving a balance of \$3793.25. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Dan Russell, KDØIXM, read the repeater report from Barry Doyle, ACØWL. All three repeaters are operating normally most of the time, with some intermittent static on the .440 machine. Barry has received the preamp for the .685 repeater and hopes to have it installed in the next week. While at the tower site he will inspect the coax on both repeaters to see if mice have chewed on it over the winter.

Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, reported no news from the EOC.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reminded everyone of the ARES net held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. on the 146.820 repeater. He reported that last month's Missouri QSO party was both successful and fun. Ron Morris, ADØBY, Bill Brown, KEØJDD, and Ed Myers, ADØWN, roamed with Ernie, and although conditions were terrible for in-state contacts, they managed to get 33 states and, at 8400 points, got a higher score than last year's.

Ernie also reminded everyone that the swap meet will be held in the lower parking lot on Monday, June 4, at 5:30 p.m., barring rain.

Ed Myers, ADØWN, reported that 8 people showed for the fox hunt on April 28: Ed Myers, ADØWN, Bill Brown, KEØJDD, Eric Bennett, KEØATR, with Leah and Lucas, Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, and Ron Morris, ADØBY. The two teams hid their foxes and the first one was found by Team Eric/Bill/Judy within 15 minutes. The second fox was found over an hour later, well hidden under a metal garbage can, by team Jodie/Ron/Ed.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, proposed that the club use a high-power station to make Field Day more fun, and that we put the van on the east side of the park access road to avoid the trees. He proposed that if he furnishes the HF radio, the amp, coax, and poles for the antenna, that the club would buy its own antenna, a Buckmaster OCF high power 80-6 meter antenna for \$323 plus shipping. He asked that everyone sign up to operate, as well as install antennas and equipment, on Field day, and that he be reimbursed for any damage to his equipment. Ron Morris, ADØBY moved that the club buy the antenna, and Doug Leslie seconded the motion. After much discussion on Field Day and how to get word out that we need more people to sign up to operate, the motion passed. Smith DeLine, NØVGD, announced that he would donate \$50 toward the purchase of the antenna. Patty Chiles, ACØCU, will email those members who were not at the meeting and let them know we need to have them sign up for Field Day.

New Business

Klaus Mueller, WØLKE, read a request from Dennis Karnes, N9TAK, via Barry Doyle, ACØWL. A group of Louisville, Kentucky, amateurs have some DMR repeater sets and they would like a host site for them. The consensus was that no one in our club has DMR radios and therefore there is no interest in this mode at this time. Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, moved that our club decline the request and Dan Russell, KDØIXM, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dan Russell, KDØIXM, reported that the ARES net will be on hiatus from June until September.

We had three guests this evening: Roy Kaylor, Mark Rigdon, and Josh Eftink.

The May meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMOARC