

# Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

## Minutes of May 6, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, May 6, 2019, at 1904 by President Klaus Mueller, WØLKE, with 24 members present.

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 \$4140.98. She deposited \$185 for seven memberships and donations, and wrote checks to the USPS – for stamps and the annual PO box fee – in the amount of \$98, leaving a balance of \$4227.98. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

### **Old Business**

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that he tested the back-up batteries on the repeaters and they worked fine. The coax is also good, but the light in the room is burned out. He plans to check out the repeater site once a month when possible. Barry also reported that there were two short-lived Skywarn events, and that this coming Wednesday evening or Thursday morning there will be a level 2 risk for severe weather.

EOC Director Mark Winkler reported that due to an organizational change in the Jackson Fire Department, Sean Mitchell is now their Deputy Chief of Operations. Since this is a full-time position, Sean will not be able to work part time for Emergency Management. Michael Gentry will be filling in the gap, but Mark does plan to find a replacement for Sean. Mark also noted that the Cape Girardeau County emergency plan is being revamped, and he would appreciate any input on where amateur radio fits in the county-wide communication plan so that participants all speak the same language.

Ron Morris, ADØBY, said that he has reserved Klaus Park for Field Day.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that the Missouri QSO party was a big success, in that all the participants enjoyed the camaraderie at the Chiles home. We ran a fixed, high power, multi-operator station and made 657 contacts, including all 50 states, 7 Canadian provinces, and several DX countries. We made over 50,000 points.

Ernie also reported that the fox hunt was successful. Nine people divided into three vehicles and worked as one team to try to find the fox within one hour. They learned that the equipment had too much gain, and the hunters had no attenuation, but Bill Brown, KEØJDD, and Jarit Keith, KØTNL, finally took the antenna off their handheld and managed to find the fox in 59 minutes, thus ensuring that everyone got the promised free ice cream from Ernie.

Ernie also mentioned that the Memphis Freefest was a great event and enjoyed by those attending from our club. The next hamfest is at Granite City, Illinois, on June 9.

Ron Morris, ADØBY, reminded everyone of Field Day on June 22 – 23. There are still several slots available to sign up. He had two envelopes, one for donations to the Saturday chicken dinner and one for donations toward the Field Day award. He mentioned that he, Bill Brown, KEØJDD, Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, and Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, had put together a 15-foot tower donated by Duke Howard, WØTU, to be used at Field Day, and that Duke is putting together a 20m beam for that tower.

Guests for the evening were Scott Thomsen, KØSET, Joanna Thomsen, KDØGUJ, and Bob Brown, KEØIFH.

### **New Business**

Bob Brown, KEØIFH, offered a Cobweb antenna hardware kit free to anyone who was interested in it.

The May meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1942.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU  
Secretary, SEMOARC