

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of May 4, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, May 4, 2020, at 1900 by President Ron Morris, ADØBY, with 21 members and 3 guests present on the 146.685 repeater.

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

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, deposited \$15 from the City of Jackson, a refund of the shelter rental for the fox hunt, and she wrote a check for \$76 to the U.S. Postal Service for the club's P.O. box. The checkbook was balanced as of April 6. Not mentioned on air was the bank balance of \$5282.20. Judy also announced that we have 63 paid club memberships to date.

Old Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that all the repeaters are operating normally. On April 26 he and Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, visited the Scopus repeater site and ran a pull test on the equipment. He said that the building looked good but had red wasps inside. The unauthorized lock has been removed from the building, and Barry reminded everyone listening that the radio station is private property and that unauthorized people are not allowed access.

Barry's technician class will not be resumed, and he does not know when another class will be held. It may be possible for another class to start this fall.

There were two Skywarn events in April. The first event on April 8 lasted three hours, and Barry reported 50 man hours to the state coordinator. For the second event on April 28, he logged 8¼ man hours. We are currently on a severe thunderstorm watch until 10 p.m. this evening.

There was no EOC report.

New Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that the Echolink radio is inoperative and that Eric Bennett, KEØATR, will try to get it fixed. In the meantime, Barry suggested that the club purchase a 2-meter radio for Echolink use. Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, will see what he can find as soon as Eric can let him know what kind of radio is needed.

Ron Morris, ADØBY, reported that he and Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, had moved the .440 repeater donated by Dan Drury, KDØTNS, to Larry's basement, and that it was...Very Heavy.

Ron also reported that he had received our new insurance documents from Mercer for the club equipment, and that Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, will make the payment for the insurance.

Ron announced that due to Covid-19, the ARRL has some recommendations for this year's Field Day, and that these recommendations may be found on their website.

Among them are:

1. Encourage club members to operate from their home stations on emergency power.
2. Use the club's repeater as a means for individual participants to keep in touch during the event.
3. Family members interested in operating Field Day and unable to participate as part of a larger group may want to consider setting up a portable station in their backyard with a temporary antenna.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, announced that at this time, the Huntsville Hamfest is still planned for late August.

The May meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1921.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMOARC