

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of May 3, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, May 3, 2021, at 1900 by President Ron Morris, ADØBY, with 22 members and 2 guests present. Our guests for the evening were Larry Beard, KFØFGK, and Roger Sample.

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 \$20,224.72. She deposited \$75 in membership fees, and she wrote three checks: \$92 to the USPS for PO box rental; \$55 to Bi-State for stamps; and \$220 to Ed Myers, ADØWN, as reimbursement for the repeater battery, leaving a balance of \$19,932.72.

Old Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that we are expecting a potential weather event this evening from midnight to 4 a.m., with predictions of large hail and damaging winds. He would appreciate any help that can be given on Skywarn.

Barry stated that the repeater batteries are now installed and working. The battery booster had failed, which is what made the batteries also fail, and we now need a new battery booster.

Ron Morris, ADØBY, reported that there was no EOC report from Mark Winkler.

New Business

Bill Brown, KEØJDD, announced that Field Day will be held on June 26 and 27 at the home of Larry Joe, KDØLBL, and Debbie Rickman, KDØLBM.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, thanked Jarit Keith, KØTNL, for all his work on the repair of our two generators. Both generators are now running well.

Ernie said that he and Ed Myers, ADØWN, had gone to the EOC. The radios are now up and running and the new power meter installed, but the radio noise floor is very high, which is going to make joining the Missouri emergency net very difficult. An additional problem is the weak signal strength of the net control station.

Ernie announced that there were 16 hunters at the fox hunt on April 10, and that the winning team – Ron, ADØBY, and Diane Morris, Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, and Bill Brown, KEØJDD – found the fox hiding in Bent Creek's parking lot in 1 hour and 45 minutes.

Ernie also announced that Ron has done all the background work with POTA (Parks On The Air) and with the superintendent at Trail of Tears State Park, and that we now have a permit for our activity on May 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All should be sure to bring their own food, water, and lawn chairs for the event.

Ron Morris, ADØBY, attended the First Amendment Day event on the University campus and spoke with several young people about amateur radio.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, moved that Eric Bennett, KEØATR, be given an honorary membership to the club as appreciation for his hosting the Echolink for our repeater at his residence. Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Patty Chiles, ACØCU, reminded everyone that a Federal Registration Number (FRN) should be acquired before any testing and brought with them to the exam session, and that an e-mail address is also now required by the FCC.

The May meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1927.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMOARC