

# Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of May 1, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 1830 by President Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, with 17 members and 2 guests, Trey Chiles and Bob Stone, KEØYJG.

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 \$20,506.52. She deposited \$150 for five 2023 memberships and one 2024 membership, and wrote a check in the amount of \$114 to the Postmaster for Post Office box rental, leaving a balance of \$20,542.52.

## **Old Business**

Larry Rickman, KDØLBL, read a report from OEM Director Mark Winkler. Contract details for the MOSWIN tower are proceeding, and May is still the projected completion date. The construction bid for the new Office of Emergency Management building was awarded to Sides Construction Company. The new OEM communications vehicle is nearing completion but still needs a bit more inside work to the rear compartment – table mount, small communications table, TV monitor mount, etc. Mark said that we were fortunate to dodge the storm path that hit Bollinger County, and that Cape Girardeau County committed equipment, personnel, and virtual assistance to Glen Allen and Bollinger County in the days immediately following the event.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that he and his wife Trish visited Glen Allen after the tornadic event, and it was a sad sight.

Three weekly nets were held in April, totaling 5.5 man hours. Maintenance on the 146.685 repeater totaled 1 man hour, and maintenance on the 146.820 repeater totaled 2 man hours. Skywarn nets totaled 42 man hours for two events, one on April 5 and the second on April 15.

Barry performed the normal tests on the 440.200 and 146.685 repeaters, and both were operating normally. He ran the generator for 20 minutes, and it started on the second try. The fuel level was at 67%, which is about 14 days of run time. The generator had an alarm whistle blowing due to an overcrank situation where it didn't start automatically during the last scheduled automatic test. He silenced the alarm and notified the KRCU engineer of the situation; the engineer stated he is aware of the situation and is suggesting that KRCU bring in someone from St. Louis to look at the generator. Barry visited the 146.820 repeater site on April 30 and it is also operating normally.

Barry noted that although we are now past the peak of tornado season, we still need to pay attention to potential weather events.

## **New Business**

Our new club patches are now here. At \$3 per patch, the patches will be available at our monthly club meetings.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that he, Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, and Larry Rickman, KDØLBL, attended the Memphis Freefest, which he considers to be one of the best two hamfests in our area. He noted that the prices seemed to be on the high side, and there were no Heathkit amplifiers for sale, which was unusual. The next hamfest will be the Egyptian hamfest at Granite City, Illinois, on June 11.

Ernie also had several WAS cards to pass out if anyone is interested.

Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported on the April 29 fox hunt. The Know-it-all team – also called the Winning team – consisted of Ed Myers, ADØWN, Russell Goss, KD9FAL, and T.J. Vandeven, WØTJV, and they hid their elusive fox on the road, far, far away from water. The Know-nothing team – AKA the Losing team – consisted of Stan Sides, KØQMV, Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, Karen Brewington, KDØJMO, and a wandering Larry Rickman, KDØLBL. All had a really fun time, and it was topped off by two pecan pies made by Debbie Rickman, KDØLBM!

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, said that he would bring the fox hunt equipment to the June meeting and would hold an instructional fox hunt after that meeting, barring rain or other bad weather.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, brought a box of old 12V power supplies to be given out free of charge to anyone needing one.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, announced that our next club meeting will be held on Monday, June 5.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, mentioned that Field Day was coming up at the end of June. After some discussion, it was decided that our club will not participate in Field Day, but will hold a potluck on that day. Larry, KDØLBL, and Debbie, KDØLBM, Rickman offered the use of Larry's man cave for the potluck, and there will be a radio in the room if anyone wants to participate in Field Day.

The May meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1917.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU  
Secretary, SEMOARC