

# Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of May 5, 2025

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, May 5, 2025, at 1830 by President Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, with 23 members and 2 guests present.

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

Treasurer Karen Brewington, KDØJMO, reported a beginning balance of \$18,292.97. She wrote one check in the amount of \$122 for our Post Office box rental and deposited \$175 for 7 memberships, leaving a balance of \$18,345.97.

## **Old Business**

Larry Rickman, KDØLBL, read the ARES report for Barry Doyle, ACØWL. Five weekly nets were held in April, totaling 11.25 hours; maintenance on the 146.685 repeater totaled 1 hour; and Skywarn nets totaled 126.25 hours, for a grand total of 138.5 man hours reported for ARES. Barry did not perform repeater maintenance in April. Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, and Kirk Barks, WTØU, went to the 146.685 repeater site to reset the clock, which was off by several hours; it seems to be holding its time normally now.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, did not receive an EOC report this month.

## **New Business**

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI reported that several fellow hams have had a bad week and need to be kept in our prayers. Carolyn Cremeens, KD9BUY, had been sick this week, and Jim Cooper, NØJC, is in a St. Louis hospital. In addition, Jim Cissell, KI4I, reported that his wife Ann is now in hospice care.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that the River Hills Amateur Radio club hamfest was even bigger and better than last year's, and the club is considering a move to a bigger venue next year. Fifteen of our club members were in attendance.

Ernie reported that 22 people attended our fox hunt on May 3, and he gave many thanks to those who brought so many wonderful desserts. Bob Stone, KEØYJG, won the coveted Mountain Dew trophy for finding the hidden fox. Runners up were Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, and Danica Miller, who were close by but not fast enough to grab the fox. Reports were that the fox was found in a camouflage bag, and the contents were checked to make sure it was indeed a transmitter and not something...nefarious.

Ernie also mentioned upcoming summer hamfests at St. Charles, Granite City, and Washington.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, read the specifications of the Diamond X510 and X300 antennas, both of which have pros and cons. The most important differences between the two are the length (17 feet versus 10 feet) and the wind rating (90 mph versus 112 mph), and after some discussion, a vote was taken on which antenna to buy. The vote was 13 to 3 in favor of the X300.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, will order the antenna, which will need to be assembled and tested before Dennis Karnes, N9TAK, puts it on the tower. Dennis cannot schedule a climb until he has been medically released by his doctor. When he does the climb, he will need to replace everything from the jumper to the antenna.

Neil LaVanchy, ACØUT, announced he had a stack of *QST* magazines that he wanted to give to anyone who would like to have them.

Our next club meeting will be held on Monday, June 2, 2025.

The May meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1907.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU  
Secretary, SEMOARC