

# Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of November 7, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, November 7, 2011, at 1900 by President Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, with 26 members and 3 guests present.

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

Treasurer Irma Frye, NØJPJ, reported no change to last month's balance of \$1841.01. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

## **Old Business**

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that the fox outwitted three of the five teams on the October 15 fox hunt. The first team to find him was that of Phil Nash, ACØIB, and Klaus Mueller, KDØNAV. The second to find him was Mike McCrate, KDØGUH. Ernie is thinking about having a traveling trophy for next year's fox hunts, and perhaps calculating mileage.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that he has eight people in his technician class, and the exam will be given on November 16.

Tom Keene, WX9N, reported that the 685 repeater is back in its original location and that he had to replace the two Kenwood radios with commercial units. The two Kenwoods have dead PAs but are repairable. He removed the 7:30 meeting time from the repeater announcements. Tom also said he has a tower climber. Ernie asked Tom to speak to the tower climber to see if we could get a price break for the club. Dennis Ponsness, WBØWAO, moved that the price negotiation be left to the discretion of the technical committee. Klaus Mueller, KDØNAV, seconded the motion and the motion passed. The goal is to get the 685 and 440 repeaters upgraded with new antennas and new hardline before bad weather sets in, and then do the 820 repeater next spring.

Phil Nash, ACØIB, reported that the ARES net has been reactivated on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. on 146.820 but participation is minimal. He asked for more participation as they are working on message handling – so have your radiogram ready.

Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, reported that Signs of Success has the best price for two-sided, two-color shirts at \$9.50 (plus \$2 for any shirt over size extra large). We will revisit the shirts in January.

Mike McCrate, KDØGUH, reported that the committee unanimously agreed to recommend that the club buy a liability insurance policy. The least expensive policy for \$2 million is through the ARRL for \$200 per year, and then we can pursue an LLC if necessary. If the club files its own LLC without an attorney, the filing fee would be less than \$50. The only problem with either an LLC or a Subchapter S is that we would have

to fill out annual tax forms, but for our club, this would not be difficult. A decision was postponed until a later time.

Phil Nash, ACØIB, moved that the following slate of officers be elected for 2012:

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS – President

Barry Doyle, ACØWL – First Vice President

Mike McCrate, KDØGUH – Second Vice President

Judy Bradley, KCØWXS – Treasurer

Karen Brewington, KDØJMO – Secretary.

Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Ballots were passed out for the Ham of the Year. They will be counted later and the plaque ordered for presentation at the Christmas party.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reminded everyone to donate any gifts for the Wreaths Across America project to Treasurer Irma Frye, NØJPJ.

Ernie also reminded everyone of the December 10 Christmas party to be held at the Branding Iron in Jackson at 1 p.m. For those who wish to participate, bring a \$5 gift designated for a male, female, or either.

Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, reported that he attended a drill last weekend. Other counties have noticed the good relationship that Cape Girardeau County has with amateur radio. Scott County will not be using any amateurs, so Cape Girardeau County will be the ham hub for future Southeast Missouri exercises. The county learned in August that they had to do three drills before the end of the year to obtain their federal grant money. The federal government may require security clearance for ARES members. Dick is counting on us to rise to the occasion if our help is needed, since our relationship has set a new standard in Southeast Missouri for ham radio.

Phil Nash, ACØIB, renewed his invitation for membership into ARES.

### **New Business**

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, asked that if anyone had a specific activity they would like the club to do, be sure to tell the Special Events Committee.

Our visitors for the evening were Myron Carter, KØJR, James Blevins, and John Doer.

The November meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 2002. The next club meeting will be held on Monday, December 5, at 1900 hours in the Cape Girardeau County office building in Jackson.

Following the meeting, Ron Doughty, KØMAJ, presented an informative program on propagation.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU  
Secretary, SEMO ARC