

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of November 5, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, November 5, 2012, at 1900 by President Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, with 25 members and no visitors present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Karen Brewington, KDØJMO, and were approved as read.

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported that last month's balance was \$2,197.86. Judy deposited \$6.25 in dues and paid Csape our annual domain name fee of \$12 leaving us with a new balance of \$2192.11. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that we have a date of November 10th for the tower climber to work on the 146.820 repeater tower and he will need a check for \$650 to pay for this work. He will be raising the antenna 100 feet and replacing it with a new antenna. Joe Lorberg, WAØZNI, said that he is still working on the new repeater controller that and is hopeful he will have it done soon. It will replace the existing 146.685 controller. He still needs to do some more work on it to get it ready.

Phil Nash, ACØIB, reported that the paperwork has been turned in to ARES to allow Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, and Phil to change jobs for a time. They are just waiting for the official okay. Phil is having knee replacement surgery and will be out of commission for a time.

EOC coordinator Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, reported that he has some old equipment that they are getting rid of and is giving our club first dibbs on it. He also reported that there is a state drill going on now through tomorrow morning.

The Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that he and Ernie Chile, WØRMS, Dan Russell, KDØIXM, Jody Rouse, KDØLDE, and Phil Nash, ACØIB, worked a "Bucket Brigade" relay exercise for ARES this past Saturday. They were successful and thanks to all who participated.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported on the October 13 fox hunt. Three "teams" participated and all had a good time. The winner was Patty Chiles, ACØCU. She was given a trophy and many congratulations. Ernie stated that we will have another fox hunt in the spring and that Kiwanis Park is a great place for a fox hunt.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that the latest technician class has completed and there are now 7 new hams. He stated that there is interest in a General class and he will look into that for next spring after the inclement weather has past.

Barry also reported that the Scout Jamboree on the Air was held on Saturday, October 20 at Klaus Park with 30 boys and 1 girl making contacts. One boy made contact with a ham in New Fenland. It was lots of fun and a great learning experience. We will probably do it again next year and expand a little but will need more help. It was noted that we will be written up in the Missouri National Guard magazine.

There were no visitors tonight.

We voted for Ham of the Year in a blind vote. The winner will be announced at the December 8th Christmas party.

Election of officers will be at the December 3rd meeting. Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, is stepping down as President and the 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents will be moving up to the President and 1st Vice President position leaving a vacancy in the 2nd Vice Presidents spot. After some discussion, Jody Rouse, KDØLDE, made a motion that Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, be made 2nd Vice President and Klaus Mueller, KDØNAV, seconded it. Motion approved.

The slate of officers is as follows:

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, President
Mike McCrate, KDØGUH, 1st Vice President
Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, 2nd Vice President
Karen Brewington, KDØJMO, Secretary
Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, Treasurer

They will be officially voted in next month.

Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, reminded everyone of the Christmas Party on December 8 at 1 pm at the Branding Iron. A head count of 21 was taken and the reservations will be updated accordingly. Activities at the event will be the announcement of the "Ham of the Year" and for those who wish to participate, an optional \$5 gift exchange.

We will begin accepting dues for 2013 at next month's meeting. They are \$25 per family.

New Business

We were reminded that there will be an auction at our February meeting but this time we will also have a Swap Meet prior to the auction where members can buy, sell or trade items they have or would like to have. The auction of donated items will follow with proceeds benefiting the club.

The November meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1942.

Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, and Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, brought treats tonight as they both have birthdays this month.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brewington, KDØJMO
Secretary, SEMO ARC