

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club  
Minutes of November 4, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, November 4, 2013, at 1900 by President Barry Doyle, ACØWL, with 18 members present and 2 visitors, Karen Eidson and Bruce Boulden.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Karen Brewington, KDØJMO, and were approved as read. Treasure Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported that last month's balance was \$2,047.92. A deposit of \$42.50 was made: \$5.00 for chicken money and \$37.50 for reimbursement for ½ of the cost of the Port-a-Potty used for Stars and Stripes. A check was written for \$75.00 for the cost of the Port-a-Potty. The new balance is \$2,015.42. The treasures report was approved as read.

**Old Business**

Joe Lorberg, WAØZNI, reported that he has had to briefly stop working on the repeater as his mother passed away. Our condolences to Joe and his family.

Joe did report that he has picked up another piece of equipment that may be of use on the repeater. He also was able to get a box of parts that may be of use in the future.

EOC coordinator Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, reported that the building now has new doors that lock and unlock with a timer. They are currently programmed to unlock for us at 6:45 pm and lock again at 7:45 pm. This gives us enough time to come into the building. After the allotted time, we can still get out of the building. Barry Doyle, ACØWL, requested that the doors unlock at 6:30 pm as this is the time listed on the repeater message. It also gives us time to get the room set up. Dick will make this change for us.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that last month's ARES meeting was really good. Ryan gave a talk on winter preparedness. The next meeting will be held January 27th as they are taking November and December off. January's talk will be on cold weather preparedness which will be given by Ryan.

Ernie also reported that he has received several QSL cards for the QSL Card Challenge contest that started last month. Keep trying to make those contacts and get the QSL cards. There are prizes to be had for the one with the most cards.

As a side note, Ernie reported that CQ magazine has gone out of business.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that he, Klaus Mueller, KDØNAV, Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, and her daughter, Tara, worked on cleaning up the repeater site. Sweeping and a general cleanup was done. Barry was not able to get the foam needed to fill holes but is hoping to get that and get back out real soon to take care of this.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reminded everyone that we will vote for next year's officers at the December meeting. If anyone desires to hold an office, please voice this at the meeting prior to election time.

Discussion resumed regarding the 2014 Jackson Bicentennial special event that we are planning. This will be held on April 25th and 26th at Klaus park, weather permitting. Barry Doyle, ACØWL, will get permission to use the club call sign for this event. Set up will be on Friday, April 25th and we will man the radios until midnight. Then shut down until 8am Saturday, April 26th and run until 6 pm. Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, will have the EOC van for our use, weather permitting. As we have for Field Day, we will have a pot luck dinner Friday night at 6 pm and get fried chicken from Food Giant. The cost will be \$2.50 per person. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass and a signup sheet will be passed around closer to the event. We will also have a signup sheet for those who will be working the radios so we don't have everyone sitting around waiting for their turn to get on the air. This will also make sure that we are covered for the entire time slot. Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, made a suggestion that we have QSL cards to send out for this event. Ernie made a motion that we have a contest for the QSL card and Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, seconded the motion. Motion was carried in the affirmative.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reminded everyone of the Christmas party to be held on December 7th at noon at the Branding Iron in Jackson. This is a pay-your-own-meal event. The head count for this is about 30 people. Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, will relay that information to Branding Iron so we have a spot reserved. We will also have a gift exchange for those that wish to join in. Bring a \$5.00 gift if you wish to participate in the gift exchange.

We then voted for the Ham of the Year. Those that were not eligible were Barry Doyle, Mike Niemeier, Tom Keene, Phil Nash and Irma Frye. Everyone else was fair game. The winner will be announced at the Christmas party on December 7th.

Guests this evening were Karen Eidson and Bruce Boulden, KDØHRY. Karen just recently passed her technician test. Her call sign is KDØWXX.

Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, and Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, both have birthdays this month and brought treats to share with the club.

The November meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1936.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brewington, KDØJMO

Secretary, SEMO ARC