

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of November 2, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, November 2, 2015, at 1901 by President Barry Doyle, ACØWL, with 22 members present.

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

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported that last month's balance was \$2533.45. She made one deposit of \$187 (\$147 from the equipment auction and \$40 from a miscellaneous contribution) and a second deposit of \$328.75 (\$68.75 from membership dues, \$240 from a gift, and \$20 from a miscellaneous contribution), leaving a balance of \$3049.20. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Joe Lorberg, WAØZNI, reported that he is looking for traps to reduce interference on the 685 repeater. He said he may be off the air sometime by the end of the year due to health issues. Joe also made a generous donation to the club.

Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, reported that Wednesday, November 4, is the tornado test siren day. He also reminded everyone that we are into the fall storm season but that so far, we have been very lucky.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, asked for volunteers to do mobile spotting for Skywarn.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that we held our first ARES eyeball meeting last Monday, and that Carl Black, KEØBKI, presented a program on power supplies. Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, will present a program on 72-hour food kits at the November meeting. Dan Russell, KDØIXM, is calling the ARES nets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. on the 82 repeater.

Ernie also reported that 11 people attended the fox hunt, with 8 participating in the hunt. The format was "capture the flag" using two teams. Each team hid their own fox and then searched for the second fox. Kudos to Eric Bennett, KEØATR, who was the first to find the other team's fox.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that we are now on the generator at KRCU. In the event of a power outage, the generator will start up after 30 seconds. There will be no charge for electricity used by our repeaters, but we will be billed for the electrician and supplies to install the generator outlet. All repeaters are now on generator power.

The Christmas party will be held on December 12 at 12 p.m. at Delmonico's. If anyone wishes to join in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift in the \$5 range.

Carl Black, KEØBKI volunteered to be nominated for the position of club secretary, and Eric Bennett, KEØATR, volunteered to take over for Mary Russell as the club archivist.

Dan Russell, KDØIXM, reported that the digital net is now up and running on Thursday nights at 8 p.m. on the 82 repeater. Four people checked in on last Thursday's net.

Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, reminded everyone of the SMART net coming up on Friday, November 13, at 8:45 a.m. She also reported that beginning Saturday and continuing for 48 hours, the MARS group plans to participate in an exercise based on a scenario that we are hit by a CME. She requested that anyone listening make a call on the VHF frequencies to aid in the goal of getting all 115 Missouri counties to check in.

The membership voted for the 2015 Ham of the Year award. Results will be announced at the Christmas party.

New Business

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, asked that everyone think about whether they would like to participate in the Missouri QSO party which will be held next April 2 – 3. He and Carl Black, KEØBKI, ran mobile in the 2015 QSO party and got fourth place in the state for their category.

Ernie also showed photos of the antenna party that was held at his home.

Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, asked everyone who will be attending the next ARES meeting to bring a plastic milk or juice carton, and she will demonstrate how 72 hours of food can be stored in them.

The November meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1945.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Acting Secretary, SEMOARC