

# Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of November 4, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, November 4, 2019, at 1900 by President Klaus Mueller, WØLKE, with 26 members and 6 guests present.

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

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported a beginning balance of \$4085.98. Since there were no transactions during the month, the balance remains at \$4085.98. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

## **Old Business**

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that the Monday evening 10-meter net has been successful, and that we had one Skywarn net on October 21. He mentioned a discussion he had heard on Ham Nation and suggested that during an extended power outage, we should limit our repeater use to welfare checks rather than social contacts.

Barry spoke with Dave Obergammer regarding a donation to Zimmer Broadcasting, but he turned down the offer and instead asked us to keep the repeater room swept. He also let us know that there is a chance that a commercial operation may place a co-location transmitter on their tower, and if they do, they will be using our space in our room for equipment. If we are allowed to stay in that room, it will be climate controlled. Barry also noted that the backup battery pack on the 146.685 repeater has failed.

Barry announced that the Missouri Repeater Council has not been charging repeater dues but is now asking for dues of \$10 per repeater to restore their bank account. Saturday, November 9, is their annual meeting in Columbia; Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, and Ron Morris, ADØBY, will be attending.

Ron Morris, ADØBY, mentioned that an unlicensed person was heard using the Bloomfield repeater. Barry Doyle, ACØWL, suggested that we give Ron the codes to our repeaters to be able to shut down the transmitter if this becomes a problem in our area.

Barry also mentioned that the ARRL no longer keeps the repeater database; they only publish the repeater information.

There was no EOC report.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, moved that the club continue the current membership fee structure and change the by-laws to remove the upper limit on club dues. Stan Sides, KØQMV, seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Ernie reported that he enjoyed working the Illinois QSO party last month, and he made contacts with 22 states. He reminded everyone of the Missouri QSO party coming up this spring and encouraged everyone to participate. Ernie also reported that the Kirkwood hamfest was well attended and that the next hamfest is the Collinsville Winterfest in January 2020.

### **New Business**

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that he started with six students in his technician class and that three of them took the exam and passed with flying colors. He said that due to increased interest in ham radio, the Perryville Area Career and Technology Center hopes to offer a technician class in January. Barry is considering offering a general class or possibly a dual technician/general class in the fall.

Stan Sides, KØQMV, moved that the club pay the Missouri Repeater Council the \$20 fees for our two repeaters. Barry Doyle, ACØWL, seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Stan Sides, KØQMV, moved that the club pay for a new UPS battery for the 146.685 repeater. Doug Leslie, KDØGXX, seconded the motion; the motion carried. Barry Doyle, ACØWL, will pick up the new battery and install it.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, moved that the club pay the fuel expense for the trip to the Missouri Repeater Council annual meeting in Columbia. Stan Sides, KØQMV, seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Ed Myers, ADØWN, reminded everyone that the club has a room reserved at Delmonico's on December 7 from 12 – 3 p.m. for our Christmas party. There will be an optional gift exchange with a \$5 limit.

Our guests for the evening were Larry Rickman, KDØLBL, Debbie Rickman, KDØLBM, Jacob Keogh, KDØNVX, Don Frazier, Bob Stone, and Fran McGarr.

The November meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU  
Secretary, SEMOARC