

# Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

## Minutes of November 2, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, November 2, 2020, at 1900 by President Ron Morris, ADØBY, with 23 members and 1 guest 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 \$20,344.34. She deposited \$50 in membership fees and wrote one check for \$35 as a memorial to former member Clinton Fallin, KCØVFY, leaving a balance of \$20,359.34. She also wrote a check for \$800 to JCS Wireless for the 146.820 repeater, but that check was returned and voided.

### **Old Business**

Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported on various CD rates from the Bank of Missouri and Wood & Huston. After some discussion, Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, moved that the club allow Judy to purchase a 12-month CD at whichever bank she chose, and Barry Doyle, ACØWL, seconded the motion; the motion passed. At one point in October, The Bank of Missouri offered 0.510% on their 12-month CD and Wood & Huston offered 0.45%, but rates differ from day to day.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that there were five ARES nets in October, totaling 11 man hours. Work on the 146.685 and 146.820 repeaters totaled 24.5 man hours. There were no Skywarn events. Barry reported that the 146.685 was tested and performed well, and that the new 440 repeater has improved sensitivity, coverage, and audio. The new 146.82 repeater was pulled out of service due to its picking up signals from KMHM. It is now back with JCS Wireless, who is looking for a replacement.

Barry will have a Skywarn refresher meeting on the last week of January, because it may get busy in February and he wants everyone to be prepared. He also reminded everyone that the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System is still open for comments, so be sure to leave your comments at <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filings/express> regarding the proposed \$50 fee for ham licenses, renewals, upgrades, and vanity calls. Be sure to mention that the comment is related to MD Docket 20-270.

Barry also mentioned that Representative Debbie Lesko of Arizona has introduced a resolution in Congress to make April 18 – 21 National Radio Operators Day.

Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, reported that the EOC radio room is completely finished, and Mark Winkler would like one of the ham operators to stop in to check the connections on the radios to see if they are functioning properly.

## **New Business**

Ron Morris, ADØBY, announced that he had just come from the first meeting of the Amateur Radio Club of Southeast Missouri State University. David Miller is the club's sponsor.

Ron also announced that due to the lack of activity in 2020 because of the Covid virus, the consensus is to not have a Ham of the Year award. Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, moved that the Ham of the Year award be renamed the Joe Lorberg Ham of the Year award. Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, seconded the motion; the motion passed. Beginning in 2021, the award will be issued in honor of WAØZNI.

Ed Myers, ADØWN, announced that he has reserved Delmonico's on Saturday, December 5, at 1 p.m. for the club Christmas party. There will be no buffet; it will be strictly off the menu. An optional gift may be brought – under \$5 – that should be designated as a gift for male, female, or either. Ed wants everyone to be aware that one of the other rooms at Delmonico's will have a party of 60.

Ron Morris, ADØBY, reminded everyone of the winter weather workshops that the National Weather Service in Paducah will be holding virtually on November 9, November 19, and December 2.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that he did not check with Eric Bennett, KEØATR, on the echolink radio. He did not price antennas for the 146.820 repeater because he thought we were going to have a new repeater.

Ron Morris, ADØBY, reported that his wife had spoken with the Police Department and Sheriff's office, who wished to convey their appreciation of amateur radio operators for their service to the community.

The November meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1929.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU  
Secretary, SEMOARC