

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of November 1, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, November 1, 2021, at 1900 by President Ron Morris, ADØBY, with 26 members and 1 guest present. Our guest for the evening was Steven Spaugh.

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

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported a beginning and ending balance of \$19,729.66, since there were no deposits or debits in the past month.

Old Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that there were five ARES nets in October, and 28 man hours were logged. Larry Rickman, KDØLBL, Bill Brown, KEØJDD, and one other person checked into the Missouri Emergency nets. Ron Morris, ADØBY, logged 2 man hours for WinLink training, and 62.5 man hours were logged for Skywarn. There were five reported tornadoes in southeast Missouri during these Skywarn events.

Barry reported all repeaters are operating normally. He visited the 146.685 repeater site on Saturday, October 30, and did a pull test. The generator was indicating an automatic starting fault; however, it started on manual after the second try. He visited the 146.820 repeater on the same day, and everything functioned fine. He received a bill for the coax repair in the amount of \$250.

Barry spoke with Rich Meinke, AB9S, about linking our repeaters. Rich said the Motorola would be easier to work with than the Fusion. We don't need a Yagi but should be able to use the vertical, which is at 160 feet on the 146.685 repeater site. Barry and Rich will meet later this month to further discuss the possibility.

Larry Beard, KD7EJN, announced that volunteers are needed at Fredericktown for post-tornadic cleanup on Saturday, November 6, at County Road 209 and State Highway 00.

Ron Morris, ADØBY, read a report from EOC Director Mark Winkler, who stated that they have completed the removal of equipment from the EOC van, and the van is now ready to be sold at auction.

New Business

Ed Myers, ADØWN, has reserved a room at Delmonico's for our Christmas party on Saturday, December 4, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., for about 25 people. There will be no buffet style service. The cost is \$13 per plate plus drinks and taxes. Anyone wishing to participate in the gift exchange should bring a wrapped gift under \$5.

Ed also stated that our battery booster, which he has paid for, is still on backorder at R&L Electronics. He visited the MFJ website and learned the price has gone from \$167 to \$240, and he talked to MFJ about not having received the booster we ordered from R&L. MFJ indicated that they will check into the problem, so hopefully this will speed things up.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, noted that there was no interest in either a fall fox hunt or the Illinois QSO party. He noted that several of our members attended the Kirkwood hamfest, which was well attended but had fewer vendors than in previous years. The best hamfest in this area is Winterfest at Collinsville, Illinois, which is coming up on January 22, 2022.

Ron Morris, ADØBY, announced that Brad Dillow, Battalion Chief of the Cape Girardeau Fire Department, has invited our club to participate in a communications exercise to be held at the SportsPlex in Cape Girardeau on August 26 – 28, 2022.

He also announced that the club will be voting on officers at the December meeting. Voting was done for the Joe Lorberg Ham of the Year award.

Stan Sides, KØQMV, requested information on where the Thursday club will meet on November 4 – at My Daddy's Cheesecake – and information on the status of Nancy Myers after her poisonous snake bite. Nancy's OM Ed Myers, ADØWN, explained how the situation occurred while they were at a POTA. Although she tires easily, she is recovering and doing much better.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, moved that the club keep the present location at the Jackson Civic Center as our monthly meeting room for the year 2022; Barry Doyle, ACØWL, seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, moved that the club change its meeting time to 6:30 – 8 p.m. Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Ernie has been tasked with arranging this with the Civic Center.

The November meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1941.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMOARC