

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of October 3, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, October 3, 2011, at 1900 by President Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, with 29 members and 2 guests present.

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

Treasurer Irma Frye, NØJPJ, reported that last month's balance was \$1828.01. She made a deposit of \$13, leaving a balance of \$1841.01. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Tom Keene, WX9N, reported that he has not yet found a pro bono tower climber with insurance. He said that he has been testing 146.61 with PL 100 on a company repeater site, and he may be able to move the 685 machine to that site at a later time.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, announced that his technician class will begin on Wednesday, October 5, at 6 p.m. and will meet for six weeks in the Cape Girardeau County office building basement in Jackson. Testing will be the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. The next technician class will be held sometime in March.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reminded everyone of our October 15 fox hunt, though with a change of location: we will meet at noon with a sack lunch at the Cape County South Park in Shelter 21, where we will receive our final briefing.

Phil Nash, ACØIB, reported that the ARES net has been reactivated on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. on 146.820. The net will be training using radiograms.

Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, reported that Signs of Success has two-sided, two-color shirts for \$9.50, and Sports Specialty has them for \$10.30. Both add \$2 for any shirt over size extra large.

There was some discussion on whether our club needs to become a non-profit organization. Mike McCrate, KDØGUH, moved to form a committee to study the options and make a decision at the November meeting; Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, seconded the motion. Committee members appointed for the task were Mike McCrate, KDØGUH, Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, and Barry Doyle, ACØWL.

Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, announced that the Nominating Committee has chosen the following slate of officers to be voted upon at the November meeting:

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS – President
Barry Doyle, ACØWL – First Vice President

Mike McCrate, KDØGUH – Second Vice President
Judy Bradley, KCØWXS – Treasurer
Karen Brewington, KDØJMO – Secretary.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reminded everyone that in the November meeting we will be voting by secret ballot for the Ham of the Year. The award will be given at the Christmas party.

New Business

Dan Russell, KDØIXM, moved that we hold our annual Christmas party on Saturday, December 10, at 1 p.m. at the Branding Iron in Jackson. Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, seconded the motion and motion carried. We will have a gift exchange for those who wish to participate.

Klaus Mueller, KDØNAV, noted that the announcement on our repeater gives the wrong time for our club meetings. Tom Keene, WX9N, said that he will delete that portion of the message.

Cathy Golightly, KDØIAM, reminded everyone that she is collecting donations for Wreaths Across America for the Bloomfield Veterans' Cemetery.

Our visitors for the evening were Luke Tolley from Carbondale and John Jack, ZS6JBJ, from Johannesburg, South Africa. Mr. Jack spoke with us for a few minutes about ham radio in South Africa, and we very much enjoyed listening to his stories.

The October meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1955. The next club meeting will be held on Monday, November 7, at 1900 hours in the Cape Girardeau County office building in Jackson.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMO ARC