

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of October 7, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, October 7, 2013 at 1903 by President Barry Doyle, ACØWL, with 14 members present and 1 visitor, Bruce Domazlicky, who is testing tonight.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Karen Brewington, KDØJMO, and were approved as read. Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported that last month's balance was \$2,046.29. A deposit of \$16.58 was made for the refund received from the insurance company and a check was written to Steve Stants in the amount of \$14.95 for the domain name. The new balance is \$2,047.92. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

**Old Business**

Joe Lorberg, WAØZNI, reported that he is still working on getting the software needed for the radios for the repeaters and is also working on the Hamtronic controller. Progress is being made.

Joe also stated that he went to a class reunion and met up with Dave Ricker, WØKNL's son.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that the 146.685 machine had an issue. The breaker was tripped. This was fixed but the door to the room is sticking badly.

There was no EOC report.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, thanked Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, for the use of the EOC van for Stars and Stripes.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that 10 people attended the ARES meeting last Monday and they had a discussion with a good question and answer session. Ryan will be giving next month's talk on winter preparedness.

Ernie also talked about the QSL Card Challenge. The rules were passed out to all members present. Prizes will include a VHF radio and a handheld radio plus others.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that Stars & Stripes went well despite the rain on Friday. Saturday was a much better day. 322 contacts were made. Those making 20 or more contacts included: Jodie Rouse, Judy Bradley, Patty Chiles, Barry Doyle, Ernie Chiles, and Dave Colvett. It was great to have the EOC van and the pot luck dinner was really good. Thank you to all who helped and attended.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that he has 10 currently attending the technician class and has had no drop outs. Testing will be held next Wednesday night.

**New Business**

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reminded us that we will be voting for the Ham of the Year at our next meeting. Keep in mind that anyone who has received the award in the last five years is not eligible.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, also reminded us that we will be voting on officers for 2014 at the December meeting. Current officers have been contacted and have consented to run for office for next year but if there are others who would be interested in the job, they can be nominated at the November meeting.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, has secured the reservation for the club Christmas Party at the Branding Iron in Jackson for Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at noon.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, mentioned that 2014 is Jackson's Bicentennial and asked if there would be interest in having a special event station set up and worked in April. All in attendance agreed that this was a great idea and the dates of Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> was set for the event. Dick Knaup, KDØBDP, will check to see if the EOC van will be available for this event. We will need people to set up the equipment on Friday morning, operators to work the 24 hours and people to take down the equipment Saturday afternoon. We will try to get the shelter at Klaus Park for this and it was agreed that we should use the club call sign. Barry Doyle will mention this to the scouts to see if they are interested in helping work the radios.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, is requesting help to clean up the repeater site. He has set a date of October 26<sup>th</sup> for this. Those able to work will meet at the repeater site at 1 pm and work until clean up is complete.

The October meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1942.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brewington, KDØJMO

Secretary, SEMO ARC