

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of October 7, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, October 7, 2019, at 1900 by President Klaus Mueller, WØLKE, with 17 members and 3 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 he and Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, went to the 146.820 repeater site and installed the UPS batteries. Barry also went to the 146.685 repeater site yesterday and did the usual pull testing, and everything checked out fine.

There was nothing to report for ARES, other than the net has resumed on Wednesday nights on 146.820 at 8 p.m. Barry will need our meeting room reserved for the last Monday in January for a Skywarn refresher course.

EOC Director Mark Winkler announced that there will be a Shakeout Drill on Thursday, October 17, at 10:17 a.m. He also said that they are using GIS (Geospatial Information Systems) more. A meeting has been scheduled in Early November with Cape Girardeau, Jackson, and Cape County officials to discuss how to incorporate our local resources with those of FEMA.

Jodie Rouse, W5KOK, announced that MARS is having a 2-week-long exercise beginning on Sunday, November 3, and they would like to liaise with amateur radio on the emergency frequency on 60 meters. If anyone is interested, check with Jodie to receive the software necessary to test.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that the fox hunt was successful. There were seven hunters, two observers, and one foxmaster. Ron Morris, ADØBY, found the first fox in six minutes, and the second team found theirs in sixteen minutes. The "reward" for finding the two foxes was to hunt for a third fox, which was eventually found hiding under a road atlas by Bill Brown, KEØJDD.

Ernie announced that he will be participating in the Illinois QSO party which will be held on October 20 from 12 – 8 p.m. All one needs to participate in the party is to contact an Illinois station and give a signal report and one's state. He also announced that the last local hamfest of the year is coming up on October 26, beginning at 7:30 a.m., at the Kirkwood Community Center in Kirkwood, Missouri.

New Business

Our guests for the evening were Larry Rickman, KDØLBL, Debbie Rickman, KDØLBM, and Roger Seay.

Klaus Mueller, WØLKE, reminded everyone that we will be voting on the Ham of the Year at the November meeting.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, moved to table the discussion of whether to waive 2020 membership renewals until the November meeting, to give everyone time to decide the course of action. Barry Doyle, ACØWL, seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, announced that he will be resuming the 10-meter net on Mondays at 8 p.m. on 28.4xx KHz.

Barry also noted that the building that houses our 146.685 repeater is in disrepair and Zimmer Broadcasting is planning to remodel it. Among items on their list of repairs is the replacement of the fluorescent fixtures. Barry recommended that our club offer to pay for the light fixtures in that room to show our appreciation for tower space. Smith DeLine, NØVGD, moved that we donate \$250 to them, and Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, seconded the motion; the motion carried.

The October meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1932.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMOARC