

# Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

## Minutes of October 5, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, October 5, 2020, at 1900 by President Ron Morris, ADØBY, with 20 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 and ending balance of \$20,344.34. There were no deposits or disbursements.

### **Old Business**

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported on the activity of the club checking account since 2004. In most of the past 16 years, there was an increase in the account. There were 4 years in which there was a decrease as a result of radio equipment expense. The most spent in one year was in 2015, in which \$3096.61 was spent for Yaesu fusion repeaters, as well as for insurance claims when our antenna was cut by a careless workman. The estate of Joe Lorberg, WAØZNI, willed our club over \$15,000. Barry suggested that the club open a CD. To do this, the bank would need a list of officers, as well as the paperwork signed by those officers, a tax ID number, and a copy of the minutes of our meeting.

Barry reported that we had two ARES nets in September, but there were no Skywarn events.

Barry also reported that the 440 repeater has issues; the audio fades in and out during the nets, and it has a bad squelch tail. Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, is in discussions with Reggie Swan to buy a used Motorola commercial-grade repeater. Barry has not had time to price antennas for the 146.820 repeater but will work on that this month. Although he did not visit the 146.820 site this month, he did the usual testing on the 146.685 site, and everything was operating normally. He mentioned that if anyone visits that site, he needs to bring some kind of weapon for protection from the dog pack that was there yesterday. Barry has had no word from Eric Bennett, KEØATR, on the echolink radio.

Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, stated that the National Weather Service in Paducah is holding their winter weather workshops virtually this year. Anyone wanting to attend should sign up on their online website. Workshops will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on November 9, November 19, and December 2. Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, met with Mark Winkler at the EOC, and the ham radio equipment has been moved to its new location in the radio room. Mark offered an open invitation for any club member to come to the EOC to familiarize himself with the equipment.

## **New Business**

Ron Morris, ADØBY, announced that Mike McCrate, KDØGUH, has some of our radio equipment in his basement that needs to be moved out. If anyone has room in his basement to store it, let Ron know.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that he is holding a technician class at the Perryville Police Department starting Tuesday, October 6, at 6 p.m. The class will last 9 weeks, with the 10<sup>th</sup> week being test night.

Russell Goss, KD9FAL, reported that there is now an amateur radio club on campus. There are two more students who are interested, and they have University sponsors for their club. They will hold their meetings on the first Monday of every month on campus at 5:30 p.m. Russell would like our club to help with mentoring the new organization. Barry Doyle, ACØWL, moved that full-time Southeast Missouri State University students be allowed honorary memberships in our club, and Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Ron Morris, ADØBY, announced that Ed Myers, ADØWN, made a clean sweep on the Route 66 special event by working all 21 stations.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reminded everyone of the Illinois QSO party to be held on Sunday, October 18, from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone interested should call Ernie.

Ernie reported that he had called Reggie Swan today as requested to discuss the possibility of replacement repeaters for the .440 and 146.820 machines; Reggie did not return his call.

Ron Morris, ADØBY, reminded everyone that the club will vote on the Ham of the Year award at next month's meeting. Ed Myers, ADØWN, will call Delmonico's to check on the availability of a room for a Christmas party in December.

Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported that she will check the banks for CD rates.

Klaus Mueller, WØLKE, recommended that the club rename the Ham of the Year award to the Joe Lorberg Ham of the Year award. The club will discuss this at the November meeting.

The October meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1939.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU  
Secretary, SEMOARC