

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of October 4, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, October 4, 2021, at 1900 by President Ron Morris, ADØBY, with 20 members and 3 guests present. Our guests for the evening were Mark Barr, Lauren Johns, and Karen Brewington, KDØJMO.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Patty Chiles, ACØCU, and were approved with one correction: the mobile EOC van was not at the SEMO District Fair.

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 three ARES nets in September, totaling 3.75 man hours. Larry Rickman, KDØLBL, checked into the Missouri Emergency nets and logged 1 man hour. Ron Morris, ADØBY, logged 3 man hours for WinLink training, and maintenance on the repeaters logged 1 man hour.

Barry did not go to the 146.820 repeater, and he has received no bill for the tower work done there. There were no Skywarn operations in September.

Barry reported the repeaters are all operating normally. He did a pull test on the 146.685 repeater, and the UPS passed. He ran the generator for about 15 minutes, and it ran fine. Ed Myers, ADØWN, said that the MFJ battery booster is still on order.

Barry also encouraged everyone to check into the ARES nets, which are now held on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. on the 146.820 repeater.

Ron Morris, ADØBY, read a report from EOC Director Mark Winkler, who stated that there is no EOC report. Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, reported that the Fair Board has asked to be able to keep the 2-meter antenna and mount that was on the mobile EOC van, to be used during fair week each year. The club agreed that this was a good idea, since we had no immediate plans to use that antenna.

New Business

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, suggested that rather than go through R&L Electronics, a dealer, that the battery booster we have on order from them be ordered directly from MFJ, who is the manufacturer, since R&L has not been able to obtain the item. Ed Myers, ADØWN, will look into this.

Ernie said that he and Patty, ACØCU, had stopped at the Springfield hamfest on September 25 but had arrived midmorning, and it was beginning to close down by that

time. The next hamfest is in Joplin on October 9, and the Kirkwood Halloweenfest, one of the best hamfests in the area, is on October 30.

Ernie suggested to the club that if anyone is interested in activating a POTA, it might be a good idea to couple that with the Illinois QSO party, which will be held on Sunday, October 17, from 12 – 8 p.m. Ernie was asked by a QSO party organizer if the club would be interested in setting up a portable station in Alexander County for the QSO party. There are two POTAs in that county that we could activate. If anyone is interested in these two simultaneous activities, please contact a club officer.

Ron Morris, ADØBY, reminded everyone that we will vote on the Ham of the Year at the November meeting.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, suggested that it would be a good idea to link our two repeaters, 146.685 and 146.820, to increase our emergency capabilities and make better use of our resources. He would like to bypass the internet entirely and do a 220 MHz link. He moved that he be allowed to pursue this idea to see if it is feasible; Klaus Mueller, WØLKE, seconded the motion. The motion carried, and Barry will report on his findings at the November meeting.

Klaus Mueller, WØLKE, thanked those who participated in the last call ceremony for his father-in-law Robert Stephens, KEØNSG. It was greatly appreciated by the family.

The October meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1940.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMOARC