

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of September 5, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, September 5, 2011, at 1900 by President Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, with 21 members and 1 guest 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 \$1778.01. She made a deposit of \$50 for dues, leaving a balance of \$1828.01. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that Tom Keene, WX9N, has not contacted him regarding the repeaters, so there is nothing to report on them at this time.

Our October 15 fox hunt will begin at the Cape County Park North at noon. Bring a sack lunch to eat before we begin the hunt. The fox will transmit on 146.55 on demand, and he will be located within the city limits of either Cape Girardeau or Jackson.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that Phil Nash, ACØIB, had spoken with a Missouri ARRL attorney about our club becoming a non-profit organization. He then was able to make contact with an attorney in Cape Girardeau with whom Ernie met and learned that we must be incorporated first as a Missouri corporation before we can become a non-profit federal entity. It would cost about \$1000 and take about a year to complete to be recognized by the IRS. We could become either a state non-profit corporation, which requires annual reports and fees, or a state LLC (Limited Liability Company), which requires neither annual reports and fees but does not allow us to convert to a non-profit. The liability protection is the same. We can either a) continue as we have done in the past, with no changes; b) become a state LLC, which takes 60 – 90 days; or c) become a state non-profit organization, which takes about a year but costs about the same as the LLC - \$150. If we ever want to be recognized by the IRS as a non-profit, we cannot become an LLC. Members were asked to think about what they would like to do, and the issue will be revisited at the October meeting.

Ernie thanked Bob Seabaugh, KAØQCK, and Mary Russell for maintaining our old membership lists; to Joe Lorberg, WAØZNI, for checking those lists for silent keys; and to Ron Doughty, KØMAJ, for adding a page to our website to honor our club's silent keys.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that the orange Emergency Communications t-shirts were not at the Huntsville hamfest this year. Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, said that she

checked 100% cotton shirts at Horizon Screen Printing, and we can get a two-sided, two-color shirt for \$13.50 plus tax.

Jodie also said that everyone liked the colorful logo, and she will have final drafts at next month's meeting. She wants to add our club call sign, WØQMF, to our logo.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that he is working on a Skywarn net procedure document. He has also made a Google map showing Skywarn member locations. Dan Russell, KDØIXM, said that the ARES net will resume on September 20 at 8 p.m. on 146.820.

New Business

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that he has appointed a Nominating Committee consisting of Charlie Schroeder, KCØDZD, Barry Doyle, ACØWL, and Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, to choose a slate of officers to be nominated at the October meeting. We will then vote on those nominations at the November meeting. He asked that club members let the Nominating Committee know if you do – or do not – want to be an officer.

Ernie also reminded everyone that we need to be thinking of nominees for the annual Ham of the Year Award. We will hold a secret ballot in November, and the plaque will be awarded at the Christmas party. The criteria for this award are that the nominee must have contributed to the well being and advancement of our organization, and that the nominee must not have received the award within the past five years. Therefore, the following people are not eligible for this award: Tom Keene, WX9N, Phil Nash, ACØIB, Irma Frye, NØJPJ, Charlie Schroeder, KCØDZD, and Ernie Chiles, WØRMS.

Cathy Golightly, KDØIAM, announced that she will be collecting donations for Wreaths Across America for the Bloomfield Veterans' Cemetery. She will bring the donation can to the next two meetings as well, and will turn in those donations before the laying of the Christmas wreaths in December.

Klaus Mueller, KDØNAV, asked that we place our meeting dates and times on our website, and Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, asked that we also add our club sign, WØQMF, to the website.

Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, announced that we qualified to get our name in QST magazine based on the points we scored at Field Day.

Our visitor for the evening was Nathan Brown of Marble Hill.

The September meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1945.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMO ARC