

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club
Minutes of September 2, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, September 2, 2013 at 1902 by President Barry Doyle, ACØWL, with 12 members present and 1 visitor, Bob Rainwater, KDØLSI.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Karen Brewington, KDØJMO, and after one correction in paragraph twelve under Old Business (antenna for the 146.685 repeater), were approved.

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported that last month's balance was \$1,961.29. A deposit was made in the amount of \$85.00 from American International Insurance for damage to the antenna. The new balance is \$2,046.29. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

Joe Lorberg, WAØZNI, reported that he has some software that he acquired for the radios for the repeaters and is also still working on the Hamtronic controller. He is making progress.

There was no EOC report.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that the next ARES meeting will be on September 30 in this same room at 7 pm. September's activity will be Linear amplifier and October's meeting will be winter preparedness. Then November and December we will take a "vacation" and resume the meetings in January. Weekly nets will begin again in October. Shifting gears, Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, talked about the QSL cards. The club has sent and/or received only 3 within the past year. We are not sending and receiving like we used to. QSL cards are a courtesy and Ernie would like to see us get back to doing this. Therefore, Ernie proposed a QSL challenge to start at the October ARC meeting. All members are to design their nicest QSL card and send it to Ernie. You are also to send them to all your contacts. The challenge will run for 6 months and is for contact on the 2 meter only. Make sure your QSL card has your county, grid square (EM-57) on them. Examples can be found at www.cheapqsls.com. Ernie will also have a seminar after next month's meeting on QSL cards.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that Stars and Stripes is still on for September 20 and 21 and the EOC van will be available. This is a lot lower key than Field Day as you hold on to one frequency and make contacts there. Port-a-potties will be available. A potluck dinner will be held on the 20th at 6 pm so bring a dish to pass. We are equal partners with the Bootheel club in this. Electric is available. 3 members have committed to attend and with this and others are maybes. The Bootheel club will be making the certificate for this. Barry Doyle, ACØWL, will be teaching the technician class starting September 4th. The class will be held in the same room as our ARC meetings from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm and testing will be on October 16th.

New Business

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, received a refund of \$16.58 from the insurance company for an overpayment of premium due to a reduction of equipment from last year. Barry Doyle, ACØWL, received an email from Trae Mitten, Cub master of Pack 12 in Jackson, regarding the Scout Jamboree On The Air which will be October 19th. The Scouts are requesting that WEMO ARC put this on again as last year was such a success. They will need 2 radios set up for this event. When asked if there was interest from

members, no one was able to commit to help at this time. We will check at the next meeting and Barry will get back with Trae.

Dan Russell, KDØIXM, stated that the Kiwanis Park location for future Fox Hunting events may pose a problem as a dog shelter is being constructed behind the shelter that we normally use. Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, would like to hold off on the Fox Hunts until January or February or even until next spring.

Treats were brought by Dan Russell, KCØIXM.

The September meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1941.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Brewington, KDØJMO
Secretary, SEMO ARC