

# Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of September 7, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, September 7, 2015, at 1900 by President Barry Doyle, ACØWL, with 21 members and 1 guest present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Acting Secretary Patty Chiles, ACØCU, and approved as read.

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported that last month's balance was \$2273.45. She made a deposit of a \$250 gift, leaving a balance of \$2523.45. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

## **Old Business**

Joe Lorberg, WAØZNI, reported that the repeaters are all generally working well; however, the 685 repeater needs some additional work in order to go digital. Joe also made a donation to the club.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, announced that the monthly ARES meetings will begin again on September 28 and will continue to be held on the last Monday of the month. The weekly ARES VHF net will begin on Tuesday, September 29, at 8 p.m. on the 82 repeater with Dan Russell, KDØIXM, as net control.

Ernie also announced the location of the October 24 fox hunt will be in Shelter No. 5 (band shell entrance) at the Jackson City Park. We will have the same format of a sack lunch at noon with the hunt at 1 p.m., but the hunt itself will be done in a different, as yet unnamed, format.

Ernie also gave a brief informational talk about right angle coax fittings. These are known to fail, so if a radio is intermittent, check out these fittings to see if they are open or shorted.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that we had one brief Skywarn event last month. We are using the 685 repeater for Skywarn, but Dan Russell, KDØIXM, is monitoring the 82 and will relay any reports from that repeater. Barry also announced that he and Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, are the newly-designated assistant emergency coordinator and emergency coordinator, respectively, for Bollinger County.

Barry also announced that the Christmas party date has been changed from December 5 to December 12 at 12 noon.

Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, reported that she had attended the Cape and Perry County Emergency Management Action Committee (EMAC) meeting last month. Due to the fall bird migration and the threat of spreading avian flu, it is very important for those who raise chickens to use designated muck boots when attending their flocks to avoid contamination

with bird droppings outside the flock. She also reported that free fire alarms are available and if anyone needs one, to check with her.

Dan Russell, KDØIXM, said that the digital net has not yet begun, but several people are excited about getting it going. Dan also said that he had contacted the international space station and will show us the QSL card when it arrives.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, said that to avoid the noise of digital transmissions on your radio, use the tone squelch (100 cycle tone); you will be able to see that it is transmitting, but you won't have the noise.

Barry also announced that he, Ernie, and Dan met with the University's radio station manager regarding the 685 generator situation. Ernie will meet with the University electrician on Friday to discuss the logistics. The club will pay for the electrician's services – less than \$500 – but we should have generator access by winter.

Larry Fluegge, KØRKW, donated some items from a silent key to the club, and an auction was held after the meeting with the proceeds going to the club.

### **New Business**

Our guest for the evening was Jeff Johnson.

The September meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1933.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU  
Acting Secretary, SEMOARC