

# Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of September 4, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, September 4, 2017, at 1902 by President Klaus Mueller, WØLKE, with 24 members and 3 guests present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Acting Secretary Patty Chiles, ACØCU, and, with the correction of Joe Lorberg's call as WAØZNI, were approved as read.

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported that last month's balance was \$1814.64. She deposited \$1235 in memorials for Joe Lorberg, leaving a balance of \$3049.64. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

## **Old Business**

Dan Russell, KDØIXM, said that he wants to adjust the volume on the 146.685 repeater because he believes it is overdriving. Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that he and Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, were out at the repeater site today to check the overall condition of the repeater. Everything looked and tested as it should. He said that we need to put out mouse bait traps to avoid damage to the radio equipment.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, stated that the ARES on-air net will begin on October 3, the day after the SEMOARC meeting. He would like to have an eyeball meeting the last Monday of the month to discuss programming of radios. He would like everyone to bring a 2-meter radio, its manual, and a compatible microphone for a programming session. Jodie Rouse, KDØLDE, requested a follow-up meeting to discuss Faraday cages.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, began relating the story of the Great Eclipse Balloon Adventure. Five teams searched for the two balloons that were launched at Houck Field on Monday, August 21, resulting in 103 man hours that were turned in to the state for ARES training. The first balloon landed near McClure, but the second balloon landed deep in the Shawnee Forest, hanging in between two trees 100 feet in the air. Guests Adam and Jeannette Webb completed the entertaining adventure story, telling us that the Illinois Holler Boys found the balloon that the rest of the teams couldn't find, and that it took an actual tree climber a half hour to climb the tree to break the balloon loose.

Guest Gerry Keene noted that our website does not have information on how to become a member. We will see that this is done.

## **New Business**

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that there will be no technician class in the fall class schedule, but there may be a general class offered in the spring.

Barry also reported that KMHM has been sold. Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, the Emergency Communications Coordinator, will notify the new owner that our 146.82 repeater is on their

tower and is a part of the county emergency communication system. Neil LaVanchy, ACØUT, knows the new owner and will give him a heads up about our activities.

Penny Wheeler, KDØGXZ, announced that the Holler Boys were taking donations for supplies to the victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas. Adam and Jeannette Webb accepted the donations on behalf of the Holler Boys. Donations will be used to purchase and deliver feed to the Texas farmers for their animals.

The September meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1947.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU  
Acting Secretary, SEMOARC