

# Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

## Minutes of September 14, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, September 14, 2020, at 1900 by President Ron Morris, ADØBY, with 13 members and 2 guests present.

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

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported a beginning balance of \$20,331.34. She deposited \$13 for one ½ -year membership and \$0.50 donation, leaving a balance of \$20,344.34. Judy announced that we now have 65 club members.

### **Old Business**

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that all the repeaters are operating normally. He was advised by Dave Obergammer that it would be unwise to raise our antenna another 100 feet. Because it is possible that paying customers may want that higher space on the tower, we could be bumped off, so we will leave the antenna height where it is. Dave gave Barry a list of other towers to consider if we want to move. Barry will price higher gain antennas for the 146.820 repeater. Due to the lack of sensitivity of the 146.820 repeater, Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, will check prices on a used commercial repeater.

Barry noted that the ARES nets will resume next Wednesday at 8 p.m. and will be held on the 146.820 repeater.

Barry also reported that because Perry County Sheriff Gary Schaaf is willing to find a space for a technician's class, they may try to have a class starting on Tuesday evenings in October.

Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, stated that there was no EOC report from Mark Winkler. No Hurricane Sally rain is expected in our area at this time. He said Mark Winkler would like to have someone come by the office to help coordinate the move of the ham radio equipment from the EOC office to the radio room. Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, will call Mark as soon as possible to get that done.

### **New Business**

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, announced that the FCC is proposing a \$50 fee for an original ham license, as well as for renewals, upgrades, and vanity calls, and he suggested that everyone go to the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) to leave comments. Be sure to mention that the comment is related to MD Docket 20-270. Comments may be left at <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filings/express>.

Since Barry has an accounting background, he has offered to go through the club's checkbook starting from 2004 to document what we have spent on equipment and services in that time period on our various repeaters, to give a better picture of how our funds are being used.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, announced that the Route 66 On The Air is a fun activity and will be on the air until next weekend. There are 21 stations from Chicago to California, and there will be prizes awarded to anyone who makes a clean sweep of the event.

Ernie also announced that the Illinois QSO party will be held on Sunday, October 18, from noon to 8 p.m., and that the Illinois sponsors are asking if there is anyone on this side of the river who would be willing to set up a portable station in Alexander County. Anyone interested should call Ernie and he will get in touch with the Illinois sponsor.

Dick Knaup, KDØBSP, requested the name of the state-level ham officer. He also announced that Joe Lorberg's brother wants to sell Joe's house; it is a nice style and in a good location, but it has been neglected.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, said that Eric Bennett, KEØATR, is waiting for a cable for the Echolink radio, but Barry hasn't heard any more from him so will ask for a status report.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, moved that the club continue collecting 2021 dues, and Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, seconded the motion; the motion carried. A discussion regarding the exemption of full-time students from membership fees has been tabled until October.

Our guests for the evening were Southeast Missouri State University students Cody Croxford and Andrew Miller.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU  
Secretary, SEMOARC