

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of September 13, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, September 13, 2021, at 1900 by President Ron Morris, ADØBY, with 19 members present.

An announcement was made by Ron Morris, ADØBY, that fellow club member Robert Stephens, KEØNSG, has died. Please keep family members in your prayers.

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 \$19,769. She paid two invoices for our SEMOARC domain names, one for \$19.17 and one for \$20.17, leaving a balance of \$19,729.66.

Old Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that a thunderstorm tore the coax ties on the 146.820 repeater loose. The ties were replaced by a tower climber hired by engineer Tom Beatte, and we will be billed for the work. Barry tested the repeater and there appeared to be no damage to it, nor to the antenna or connector. He also ran the usual pull tests on the 146.685 and 444.200 repeaters, and they are operating normally. The generator ran beautifully.

There were no ARES nets in August, but the nets will resume on Wednesday, September 15, at 8 p.m. on the 146.820 repeater.

Barry reported that 0.75 man hours were logged for Larry Rickman, KDØLBL, checking into the Missouri Emergency nets; 4.5 man hours were logged for Ron Morris, ADØBY, attending WinLink training; 3 man hours were logged for Barry's repeater maintenance; and 10.75 man hours were logged for one Skywarn event on August 12.

Ron Morris, ADØBY, read a report from EOC Director Mark Winkler, who stated that that his office is negotiating with the State of Missouri Department of Public Safety and KFVS on the addition of the MOSWIN radio tower site in the northeast part of Cape County. The mobile EOC is currently at the SEMO District Fair, but the equipment is being removed from it and the club is welcome to take any of the van's equipment they could use. Mark also reminded everyone that September is Emergency Preparedness month.

New Business

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, announced that the St. Charles hamfest was well attended. He said that Ed Myers, ADØWN, has been activating several local parks for Parks on the Air (POTA), and he has made over 1000 contacts as a hunter. Ernie and Ed have

discussed trying different antennas for park activation. If anyone is interested in activating a POTA, let Ernie or Ron Morris, ADØBY, know. There will be further discussion at the October meeting.

Ernie also reported that Phil Nash, ACØIB, is settling in fine at his new assisted living location in Idaho.

Ron Morris, ADØBY, reported from Ed Myers, ADØWN, that the battery booster is still on back order.

Patty Chiles, ACØCU, moved that the club provide a memorial to the family of Robert Stephens, KEØNSG, in whichever manner the family would prefer. Barry Doyle, ACØWL, seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Neil LaVanchy, ACØUT, provided a flyer inviting everyone to join the primary Telegram group, SEMO Beat (<https://t.me/joinchat/lfIMcjNm7NxM9teq>), whose mission is to have a local presence in Southeast Missouri to preserve the liberties that America's founders fought for and won at a high price, as well as to regain those liberties already forfeited. They also have a weekly We The People email; to subscribe, email wtpcapecountymo@gmail.com and ask to subscribe to the mailing list.

The September meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1924.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMOARC