

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of September 12, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 1831 by President Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, with 16 members and one guest, Karla Kiefner, 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 \$19,245.57. She deposited \$862.50, of which \$12.50 was for a half-year membership and \$850 was from an anonymous donor to pay for the new Yaesu radio and repairs on the old one. She paid \$42.34 electronically to GoDaddy for domain names, leaving a balance of \$20,065.73.

Old Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that there were no ARES nets in August, but the nets will resume on Tuesday, September 13, at 8 p.m. on the 146.820 repeater. Ron Morris, ADØBY, logged 3 man hours on Winlink. Barry logged 1 man hour for the 146.685 repeater site and 2 hours for the 146.820 repeater site, and Larry Rickman, KDØLBL, logged ¼ man hour for the Missouri Emergency Service net. There were no Skywarn events for the month.

Barry reported that all the repeaters operated normally, and everything worked fine. There was, however, an apparent lightning strike at the 146.685 repeater site. He observed that the lights in half the building were out, and with some troubleshooting, he found that one of the two large fuses in the fuse box was blown.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, read a report from OEM Director Mark Winkler, who stated that the tower move has been completed and the old tower has been removed. The MOSWIN tower project is still at a standstill due to supply chain issues. The Public Safety Communication Rodeo/Drill was successful, but he was disappointed that there was no ham radio involvement in the project.

New Business

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, said the St. Charles, Missouri, hamfest was well-attended, but the Bootheel Amateur Radio Club's first attempt at a swap meet/tailgate was lightly attended.

Ernie announced that the October 8 fox hunt will be held at the Jackson City Park at Shelter No. 5. Everyone should bring a sack lunch for the social event at noon, and the fox hunt will follow. If the weather is good, we will divide into two groups, each group hiding their own fox and hunting for the other group's fox on foot. If it is raining, we will revert to the traditional fox hunt where the fox will be hidden somewhere within the Jackson city limits. If we are on foot inside the park, Ernie reminded everyone that some kind of attenuator will be needed.

Ed Myers, ADØWN, reminded everyone of our Christmas party on the first Saturday in December from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Delmonico's.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, reminded everyone of the ARES nets beginning on Tuesday, September 13 on 146.820 with a PL tone of 100.

Larry also asked for suggestions regarding the use of the Yaesu 737 that was donated to the club by Smith Deline, NØVGD. The usefulness of the Yaesu is now limited, since we no longer have access to the county's emergency van.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, asked for help in filling in for him on Sunday evenings on the 440 and 2-meter nets through the last weekend of October.

The September meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1903.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMOARC