

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of September 11, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 1830 by President Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, with 20 members and 3 guests present. Guests were Karla Kiefner, Travis Boxdorfer, and James Meghrion.

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 \$20,390.33. She deposited \$6 for sales of patches and wrote one check in the amount of \$45.34 for our club's dot.com and dot.net renewals, leaving a balance of \$20,350.99.

Old Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, announced that the Skywarn nets will resume on 146.820 starting Tuesday, September 12, at 8 p.m.

Barry reported a total of 6 man hours for ARES in August, all of which was for repeater maintenance. The generator fuel level was at 54%, which means there must have been a power outage at some point. Dave Obergoenner called to let him know that the roof had collapsed in the kitchen at the Scopus repeater site. Barry checked out the site and reported there was no damage to our equipment.

Barry commented on a podcast he had watched regarding a radio broadcast DJ. The DJ was also a ham, and he kept a handheld with him at the radio station. When he heard a spotter on the handheld say that a tornado had been sighted, the DJ interrupted his programming to let listeners know the location of the tornado sighting. Although his general manager chewed out the DJ, he later apologized after one man came in to say the DJ had saved his life. This is a good lesson to us all, that Skywarn is important enough that lives can be saved.

Larry Rickman, KDØLBL, read a report from OEM Director Sam Herndon. Mr. Herndon said that in the near future we will need to meet with him to discuss moving the equipment they have in the current office over to the new facility when it is finished. He said they will need to know what equipment they may need to purchase for installation at the new facility.

New Business

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that the St. Charles hamfest was well attended. The final hamfest of the season is at Kirkwood on October 28. The first hamfest of 2024 is Winterfest in Collinsville, Illinois, on January 27. Winterfest is the biggest single hamfest in our area.

Ernie announced that our fox hunt will be held on Saturday, September 30, at Shelter No. 5 in the Jackson City Park. We will meet at noon for a bring-your-own sack lunch, and we will go fox hunting around 1 p.m. Hunters will be divided into two teams to hide their foxes, and, as we did last year, we will be on foot within the parameters of the park. Ernie suggested that anyone who wanted to bring a dessert to share would certainly be welcomed to the event.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, announced that the HF noise finder has been ordered, but it will be at least October before it arrives. Due to the article in *QST* magazine, orders are backed up by at least six weeks.

Larry also reported that no decisions have yet been made by the FCC regarding the Shortwave Modernization Coalition's petition to allow data communications on multiple bands within the HF 2 – 25 MHz range with up to 20 KW.

Larry reminded everyone that we need to begin thinking of our annual Christmas party, and he asked for comments. Patty Chiles, ACØCU, suggested BG's as an alternative to Delmonico's this year. They have a nice big room in the back for just such an occasion. Ed Myers, ADØWN, will check out BG's on Tuesday to see if it would be suitable. Ed reminded everyone that we usually have the party on the first Saturday in December, and that we have a voluntary small gift exchange (less than \$10); gifts may be designated for men, women, or either.

Larry reminded everyone that our next club meeting will be held on Monday, October 2.

The September meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1906.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMOARC