

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of May 6, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 1830 by President Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, with 23 members and 9 guests present. Guests were Wayne Kinder; Rick Crabb; Brandon Amelunke; Sarah Young; Garry Moore; Leechia Wilder; Bob Crader; Tom Ritter; and Kevin Allen.

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

Larry Rickman, KDØLBL, read the treasurer's report from Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS. Judy reported a beginning balance of \$20,846.88. She wrote one check to the U.S. Post Office for \$122 for our P.O. box rental, and she deposited \$100 for 4 memberships, leaving a balance of \$20,824.88.

New Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported 4 weekly nets were held in April, totaling 7.25 man hours. Repeater maintenance for the 146.685 repeater totaled 3.5 hours, and one Skywarn net totaled 31.75 hours, for a total of 42.5 man hours for ARES. Barry did not go on site to perform maintenance on the 146.685 repeater and, because he does not yet know if the generator is repaired, he will not try to run the generator until it is. He has received the club's two new surge protectors.

Barry also noted that we are at a Level 1 risk for severe weather, and by tomorrow we are expecting a Level 2 risk, followed by a Level 3 risk on Wednesday. He will be staying home Wednesday for the potential Skywarn event.

There was no report from the Office of Emergency Management.

Old Business

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, asked club members if they were happy with the club tailgate this evening, and the consensus was that they liked it; we may hold a tailgate a couple of times a year since there was interest.

Larry also noted that our Field Day fox hunt will be held on Saturday, June 22, at the Jackson Park Shelter No. 3.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that the River Hills club hamfest in Perryville was a fine first-time hamfest. They had a good turnout with nice door prizes, and the club hopes to be even bigger and better at next year's hamfest. The Granite City hamfest is the next local hamfest, and the Dayton hamfest, the biggest and best one in the country, is coming up next week.

Ernie also announced that he has donated several books related to ham radio to the Riverside Regional Library. In addition, he ordered the updated Technician and General Study Guides and donated them to the library; he noted today that the study guides are already in circulation. Klaus Mueller, WØLKE, moved to reimburse Ernie for the cost of the study guides, and T.J. Vandeven, WØTJV, seconded the motion; the motion carried. An Extra Study Guide may be ordered later in the year, as it will be updated in July. The Cape library will also be checked to see if they have any ham radio-related books.

Ernie mentioned that through an email, we learned that a ham who is a veteran will be moving to the Veterans Home in Cape Girardeau on May 20. The veteran needs an Elmer to help him program his handheld and assess the type of potential antenna he can use at the Home.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, announced that our next club meeting will be held on Monday, June 3, 2024.

The May meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1902.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMOARC