

A meeting was held on March 26, 2016 at the Hillside restaurant in Lanse, Michigan of people interested in forming an association to promote amateur radio in Baraga County. The following nine people attended:

Keith Almli KE8CPN, Randy McClellan KE8DCK, Richard Brooks KB8FCX, William Lahti KE8CPF, Jack Swift N8WAV, Ron Mantila WA8PLA, Mark Skidmore AC8LE, Tyler Delene, and Joe Dowd [KE8DUP]*.

Keith Almli started the meeting by explaining the intended purpose of the proposed Baraga County Repeater Association (BCRA) was to promote amateur radio. Its first emphasis would be procuring and putting into service one or more repeater.

Following Keith's introduction, he and Randy made a PowerPoint presentation outlining their goals and the progress they had already made. The presentation included several maps showing propagation of coverage from different Baraga County locations.

Following the presentation, application forms to join the yet to be established association were distributed. All nine attendees filled out forms and returned them along with \$20.

Later, Brooks inquired as to how many attendees had turned in applications and \$20. After learning all nine had, he made a motion that those nine people be considered the charter members of the BCRA. The motion was supported and without further discussion a unanimous yea vote was cast.

Next to follow was an election of officers. All who were nominated were elected by unanimous vote. The outcomes were as follows: Keith Almli – President; Randy McClellan - Vice President; Richard Brooks – Secretary; and Bill Lahti - Treasurer.

In further discussion, the group learned that Randy would soon meet with Baraga Telephone Co. regarding the possibility of using one of their unused towers.

Drafted bylaws were discussed. Randy would send them to a lawyer and the members for their input. Depending on that outcome the members may be asked to vote to accept the draft by email.

The next meeting was set for Saturday April 30th at 2 p.m. [at the Ojibwa Community College – use the front entrance].

Submitted by Richard Brooks, KB8FCX, Secretary

* Information in []'s was added after the meeting.