

The April meeting of the newly formed Baraga County Repeater Association was held on the 29th at the Ojibwa Community College in Lanse.

President, Keith Almlı called the meeting to order at 2 p.m.

The following eleven people attended: Keith Almlı KE8CPN, Randy McClellan KE8DCK, Richard Brooks KB8FCX, Brandon Anderson N8PUM, George Thurner W8FWG, Joe Dowd KE8DUP, Ron Mantila WA8PLA, Tyler Delene, William Lahti KE8CPF, Jack Swift N8WAV and Mark Skidmore AC8LE.

The minutes from the March meeting were approved as distributed as was the treasure's report. The treasury stands at \$434 including recently received donations.

A site has been chosen for the Club's first repeater. It is located about ¼ mile south of M38 west of the Baraga Plains Road. The tower is visible from the road behind the ball field. It is an abandoned Baraga Telephone site. A telephone line is there and hooked up. Power is there, too, but not hooked up. Feed-line is there for a UHF repeater. Much cleanup has been done with more to be done during a "work bee" after the meeting.

The CCRAA has donated/loaned the club a UHF repeater.

There was much discussion about the unfilled officer position of engineer. The result was that the position was struck from the proposed constitution. The membership, as a whole, will assume responsibility for the installation and maintenance of Club equipment. Brandon Anderson, member from Ishpeming, will help (his somewhat remote home-base was noted).

There was a brief discussion on the Club pursuing IRS Non-profit 501 c3 status. The topic was tabled with Joe moving, Rich seconding and an affirmative vote.

Joe reported approaching Ojibwa Collage in an attempt to convince them to offer a class related to amateur radio. No progress was reported.

The meeting concluded with an extensive "brain storming" discussion of the Club's next repeater site. A number of possibilities around the old "67" site have been researched as well as a tower off Forest Highway 16 (which would be nice if the Lake Superior Pro rally continues to run there). Finally, Jack reported that Kirk Yarina, KC8MMU, has a barn in Tapiola that would make a good site.

Adjourned at 3:28.

The next meeting will be Saturday May 28 at 2 p.m. at the Ojibwa Community College – use the front entrance.

Submitted by Richard Brooks, KB8FCX, Secretary