

Minutes from January 10, 2017 BCRA meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by Keith KE8CPN.

Present were Keith Almli, Randy McClellan, Bill Lahti, Joe Dowd, Rich Brooks, Brian Buddy, Joe Eckenburg and Mary Sears (New member).

The meeting started by announcing two swaps – the Negaunee swap is Saturday February 4th from 9 to 2 at the Negaunee Township Center (turn south just east of the Michigan State Post on M35 and travel about ¼ mile) – the Chassell swap is April 22nd from 9 to 1 at the Chassell VFW Post on US 41.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$516.

The Baraga 440 (444.95 MH) repeater is operating ok but the site needs to be plowed. It is expected that this will happen soon. The spare battery still is a problem. Brandon Anderson is working on fixing it. There will be an effort to try putting the repeater at Selkey's.

The 147.375 repeater, intended to go near the old "67" site, is at Fred Anderson's shop in Marquette for a tune-up.

There was considerable discussion on obtaining grants but no action was taken.

After considerable discussion on gaining 501.c3 status it was moved, seconded and passed to submit an application for the BCRA to obtain 501.c3 status. Mary did this for another organization and said it was both inexpensive and easy if one knows how it is done.

A business plan is needed and Eddie Edwards from the tribe should be contacted for help in doing this.

BCRA members and others who will be using the proposed 147.375 repeater are encouraged to make their wishes for features for the repeater known to Randy or Keith.

There is a new web-site named uphams.net for posting events/news of interest to UP hams.

Nominated for officers for next year are: Keith: President; Randy: Vice President; Joe: Treasurer; and Mary: Secretary.

The next meeting is slatted for February 14, 2017.

Submitted by Richard Brooks KB8FCX, Secretary