

BARAGA COUNTY



REPEATERS ASSOCIATION

President: Keith Almli KE8PCN

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Secretary: Mary Sears KE8FEU

Treasurer: Joe Dowd KE8DUP

Minutes

July 11, 2017 7pm

Ojibwa College; L'Anse

Members Present: Keith Almli, Bill Lahti, Joe Dowd, Brian Ruddy, Tim Sears and Mary Sears.

- 1. Call to Order:** *The Meeting was called to order by President Almli at 7:13pm*
- 2. Introductions:** *Introductions were made around the room.*
- 3. Public Comment:**

-Mr. Lahti stated that the Hanka Homestead event was successful and HAM participation was greatly appreciated. Greater than 600 paying customers.

-President Almli will add ARES button to BCRA website. This will allow automatic tracking of hours by members to an excel spread sheet. This must be reported monthly.

- 4. Approval of Minutes:** *Minutes were approved and adopted. Motion made by Mr. Lahti. and seconded by Treasurer Dowd.*

- 5. Treasurer's Report:** *Treasurer Dowd reported that there is \$2,153.86 in the treasury,*

-President Almli put in a request for repayment of \$1,000 for purchase of safety equipment. Money will come from Keweenaw Foundation Grant. Motion by Mr Lahti second by Secretary Sears. All Ayes, no nays, motion passed.

- 6. Correspondence:** *Annual File Fee \$20"/ Keith will take care of this.*

Old Business

- 1. Site Updates:**

A. Baraga: *President Almli visited site. Needs new North guide wires. Repeaters working, not a lot of use, should put on scan list, possible to link to MQT, line of site ok, UHF may be bad,*

could be best to use internet link, tribe no longer using baseball field, kid groups using it and doing the up keep, looks great.

- B. Herman:** *no new news, 147.375 up on air, antenna problems fixed, tuning via spectrum analyzer, SDR very close, would be good to have one, should check SWR every 6 months to keep maintainable updated, would like to test with people east of Herman, new 2000' foot tower on top of rock pile.*
- C. Kenton:** *Forest Service update: Dawn says they are very busy at this time and will get back to President Almlı with any new information, Skip Schultz volunteered his yard for repeater, also a high spot in Rockland, Solar*
- 2. Ojibwa College update:** *Joe reserved room until September.*
- 3. Grants/Donors:** *\$500 UPPCO grant. Walmart: not eligible. Many small grants in area, President Almlı will pursue many avenues. Club trying to fine tune focus of need for grants. Herman Hill tower repeater is a good goal. Other suggestions included: club house, school room rental for storage and classes. Jeff Hubbard interested in moving EOC because its in a flood plain.*
- 4. Ham Testing/Field Day:** *Testing Franklin Township Office 9:00am Sat. June 24, 2017. Many interesting events will be held at the Quincy Mine Hoist throughout the weekend.*
- 5. BCRA HAM Classes:** *President Almlı and Vice President McClellan are looking into sources for class material. Book series by Gordon West was mentioned that puts HAM material into story format. Easier to remember.*
- 6. HoCo Road Commission Tower:** *Nothing Further.*
- 7. SKYWAR Training:** *Mr Lahti attended the meeting. Matt Zika from the Nation Weather Service will come to the area in August to do more training.*

New Business

- 1. ARES Meeting** *to follow tonight's meeting. Breakdown desire of AREA to designate specialties to different counties. (ex. Houghton County is Search and Rescue) All CERT will have same training but then specialize. ARES will work also with non-certified public to achieve goals. Encourage more people to get involved, man power desperately needed. Maybe some FEMA money to help with pursuit of gaining volunteers.*
- 2. Baraga County Parade:** *Lumberjack days start July 1 with a parade on July2. Thinking of putting float in parade if enough members will volunteer to help. \$75 was allocated for decorations for trailer: Motion made by VP McClellan and seconded by Mr. Nelson. \$100 was also allocated for a candy fund: Motion by VP McClellan and seconded by Mr. Nelson. An e-mail will be sent to membership list to elicit further help.*

Adjournment: *Meeting called to adjourn at 8:17pm by Mr. Nelson and seconded by VP McClellan.*

Dates to Remember: Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 7pm Ojibwa College

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Mary Sears; KE8FEU

BCRA Secretary