

The May meeting of the Baraga County Repeater Association (BCRA) was held on the 28th at the Ojibwa Community College in Lanse.

President, Keith Almlie called the meeting to order at 2:27 p.m.

The following eight people attended: Keith Almlie KE8CPN, Randy McClellan KE8DCK, Brian Ruddy N8SLR, Tyler Delene, Richard Brooks KB8FCX, Jack Swift N8WAV, Joe Dowd KE8DUP and Joe Bollech.

The minutes from the April meeting were approved as emailed to the list. The treasurer's report indicated a \$545 opening balance, increasing to \$743.

The site reported on last month, located about ¼ mile south of M38 west of the Baraga Plains Road, is where the Club's first repeater was installed and attached to a recently purchased antenna. Pictures of the antenna installation were shown before the meeting which accounts for the late start.

The BCRA became an ARRL affiliated club just in time for the Club to purchase insurance (\$200 was authorized for payment) from ARRL for the climbers.

Ways to promote amateur radio in the area were discussed. Michigan Tech's Women in Engineering program was thought to be a way to access a select group of Tech students and possibly offering a class at the Ojibwa College were suggested. The ARRL learning materials and the Technician test could be used for both. One of the new staff at the Ojibwa is a communications major.

There was further discussion on locating a repeater in the Herman area (near the old 67 site), and at the TEE PEE tower two miles north of Kenton, but no recommendations were made.

It was brought up that the scheduled June (25th) meeting would fall on Field Day. No action was taken to change that.

Adjourned.

The next meeting will be Saturday June 25 at 2 p.m. at the Ojibwa Community College – use the front entrance.

Submitted by Richard Brooks, KB8FCX, Secretary