

# BARAGA COUNTY

## REPEATERS ASSOCIATION



President: Keith Almli KE8PCN

Vice-President: Randy McClellan KE8DCK

Secretary: Mary Sears KE8FEU

Treasurer: Joe Dowd KE8DUP

### Minutes

April 11, 2017 7pm

Ojibwa College; L'Anse

**Members present: Keith Almli, Randy McClellan, Bill Lahti, Joe Dowd, Rich Broods, Brian Ruddy, Mike Malloy, Jeff Hubbard, and Mary Sears.**

- 1. Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by President Almli at 7:03pm
- 2. Pledge?**
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes were observed and adopted with the addition of Jeff Hubbard to the members roll present at meeting. Motion by Mr. Lahti and seconded by Mr. Ruddy.
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Dowd reported that \$677.58 is in the treasury with an expenditure of \$24.95 for UPPCO and a credit of \$20 from a dues payment.

#### Old Business

- 1. Site Updates:**
  - A. Baraga:** President Almli on site two weeks ago, ran a feed line to roof. Problem: Feedline vs Antenna. They need to be tested to see which one is the problem. Keith is leaning toward antenna.
  - B. Herman:** Digipeater problems causing interference to at least one home. Pulled out of service until problem is resolved.
  - C. Kenton:** Tower has been located. Dawn knew little about the tower or its whereabouts. Tower pieces and wire in woods surrounding tower. BCRA volunteered to take it.
- 2. 501(c)3 update:** March 20 paperwork received, official 501(c)3. Can now solicit donors or trade for partial value. Grants are being sought from Shopko and Walmart. It is late in the year for some grants but will try next year. President Almli will continue to try and access the 2% funds from Tribal Council.

3. **Ham Class Update:** One new Technician and Two new General licenses were distributed. There will be another VE Session Saturday April 14 at Mr. Hanson's Home 1108 Bumble Town Rd. 10:00am. Testing will also be at Field Day, June 24-25 at the Franklin Township Hall. Noon.

#### **New Business**

1. **Ham Swap:** There will be a Ham Swap at the Chassell VFW, 9:00am-1:00pm. Mr. Hubbard reminded the group that the Baofeng Radio must be paid for. It was determined that the club had accepted motion to pay at a previous meeting.
2. **SKYWAR training:** There will be a severe weather informational and response training at MTU Campus ATDC. May 16, 6:30pm. Some members have attended in the past and feel it is worthwhile to attend.
3. **By Law Change:** It was suggested that the bylaws be reviewed and revised to reflect meeting changes.
4. **ARES:** The contact list needs to be updated. Outreach to hospitals met with mediocre reception. Further discussion with them will occur at next week meeting.
5. **QSO party:** Mr. Hanson's Home (see above). Will have HF rig. Members encouraged to attend and learn to run it.

**Next Meeting: May 9, 2017 7:00pm Ojibwa College**

**Meeting Called for adjournment at: 8:10pm, Motion by Vice-President McClellan, seconded by Mr Malloy.**

**Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:**

**Mary Sears; KE8FEU**

**BCRA Secretary**