

KCRA NEWSLETTER

The Keweenaw County Repeater Association

"Michigan's Northernmost VHF Voice Repeater"

K.C.R.A. 147.315 MHZ PL 100.0 Hz

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GREETINGS FELLOW RADIO HAMS AND VISITORS!

Hello and welcome once again to the KCRA Newsletter. Our April 12, 2017 meeting opened at 7:00 pm EDT, with roll call of officers and self introductions followed.

W8FWG – George

W9GY - Jeff

K8YSZ - Gary

KE8FEU-Mary

AB8WU-Jon

KE8GRW-Tim

KE8DCJ-Bruce

KE8DUH-Ben

K8OOI-Gus

KE8DCK-Randy

W8PSP-Don

N8PJL-Peter

KE8DUK-Charlie

Ellie Hopper - Guest

Clare Hopper - Guest

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS SHOWED:

President Gary, K8YSZ Present

Vice President: Bill Absent

Secretary: George, W8FWG Present

Treasurer: Bill - Absent

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Both repeaters working satisfactorily

TREASURER'S REPORT: [Reported by George, W8FWG, in Bill's absence] shows total current assets of \$2447.98

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT: Receive antenna canted at a 25 degree angle due to the winter winds. Also: Suggest replacing the entire feedline with LMR-600, which is available locally.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: (See old Business and New Business)

OLD BUSINESS:

VHF & UHF repeaters operating satisfactorily, within FCC R&R.

Autopatch test run successfully by George, W8FWG on 04/08/2017.

Great Bear Chase: Had a record number of skiers. 1 heart attack reported

NEW BUSINESS:

Exams on demand: AB8WU reports exams Saturday April 15 @ 10am at 1108 Bumbletown Rd.

MI QSP Party. The weekend of April 15, 2017 from noon-to-midnight using the Special Event call sign of W8K. We will be taking part in this event at the home of Gary, K8YSZ, pizza provided by the club. Come in watch and/or operate!

CopperDog150 March 2018. Contact Bill, KD8JAM at: kd8jam@charter.net to volunteer to help with this worthwhile project.

Handout material by George, W8FWG on "Control of an amateur Station."

Our thanks to Jonathan, AB8WU with Pasty.NET for providing the power and telephone for our repeater. It is very much appreciated by all of us.

George, W8FWG "Quitting" Ham Radio! [Partially –HF only] Discussed

"Grow Lamps" a new source of QRM to radio amateurs.

CCRAA wishes to borrow the DX-1 Transceiver

Filter bought for use during the Michigan QSO party. Motion by Jon, AB8WU and seconded by Randy, KE8DCK. Motion carried unanimously.

DOOR PRIZE: None

REFRESHMENTS: Provided by Gary, Cookies! Thanks Gary!

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:55 pm EDT

NEXT MEETING: Our meetings at the KCRA are quarterly, during the months of January-April-July-October, so that puts us in the second Wednesday of each quarter, and so the July 12, 2017 meeting will be held at the home of Gary Hansen at 1108 Bumbletown Rd in Keweenaw County.