

# K.C.R.A. NEWSLETTER

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**KEWEENAW COUNTY REPEATER ASSOCIATION, Inc.**

**K8MDH/Rpt 147.315 MHz PL 100.0 Hz**

**Upper Michigan Northernmost VHF-Voice Repeater**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Gary Hansen, K8YSZ called the meeting to order at 7:00pm EST.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** Showed the following officers present:

President: Gary, K8YSZ

Engineer: Gary, K8YSZ

Vice President: Bill, KD8JAM

Secretary: George, W8FWG

Treasurer: Bill, KD8JAM

**TECHNICAL/ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

The following T/A Members were present:

Gary, K8YSZ (Chairman)

Bill, KD8JAM (Member)

Jeff, W9GY (Member)

Don, W8PSP (Member)

Jon. AB8WU (Member)

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

George(W8FWG),.....Gary(K8YSZ),.....Bill(KD8JAM),.....Don(W8PSP),.....

Jon(AB8WU),.....Ellie Hopper (Visitor) .... Keith(KE8CPN)....Stan (WB8QJZ)

Jeff (W9GY).....Vance (KC8RGO)

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

The “315” repeater is up but noisy..

Discussion followed about what to do about the problem.

It was decided that Bill (KD8JAM) would go out there tonight and put in the YAESU DR-1 Repeater in place of the Motorola, MSR-2000.

The 443.150 MHz repeater is working satisfactorily.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Bill, KD8JAM reported that our Treasury is sound, with a balance of: \$1655.41 as of July 13, 2016.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Changes made to Autopatch service this year (From AT&T to Pasty.NET Service) \_\_\_\_\_

Services available to members: Local Tel.& 911(KWNW Co. Sheriff)...912(HGTN Co. Sheriff)...916(USCG)

Explanation (to new members) if any of what a “Controller” does, in the repeater.

Discussion of our existing control link

Topic: Severe storm damage in Gogebic Co from Sunday to Monday, last.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

2. Repeater noise is present in windy conditions in the Keweenaw Peninsula.
3. Autopatch Test: July 10, 2016 between George and Gary, (Radio to telephone number)  
(Done- found to be working satisfactorily)
4. Autopatch was down a few works ago due to trouble with the provider. (Repaired almost immediately.)

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Control Link of the repeater was discussed and found to be satisfactory to the membership.

Autodial Services to be amended. The \*911, was discontinued to Negaunee, and instead re-routed to 337-0528, the Keweenaw County Sheriff's Number, and relabeled as \*911 to the Sheriff Office. It was reported by Bill, that we could change the \*912 (formerly Keweenaw Co. Sheriff's number) to 482-0045, which is the Houghton County Sheriff. The listed \*916 would continue to be the USCG (Portage Coast Guard Station) located at Dollar Bay.

Summarizing:

\*911: Keweenaw County Sheriff (Who can relay to Regional, at Negaunee)

\*912: Houghton County Sheriff

\*916: Portage Coast Guard Station

**THANK YOU:** To Jon Hopper, AB8WU for providing power and telephone service to the club at no cost. This is a great boost to our treasury, and on behalf of all of the members of the KCRA we are certainly grateful for this offer of help. Thanks Jon and Charlie (KD8JAJ)!

**DRAWING FOR THE DOOR PRIZE:** The door prize was won by Keith, KE8CPN

**ADJOURNMENT:** The formal business meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm EDT.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Refreshments were provided by: Jeff (W9GY) & Julie Stricker. Thank you both!

**AFTERMATH:** Immediately after the meeting Bill went out to the site, and put the YAESU DR-1 in place of the Motorola MSR-2000 repeater. The noise was still present, so the equipment was moved back to the original configuration with the idea that it is not the repeater causing the noise, but something external, on the building that is creating the noise. The noise problem remains unsolved at this hour: 10:45pm EDT Wednesday, July 13, 2016.

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