

# KCRA Newsletter

Keweenaw County Repeater Association, Inc.

## Michigan's Northernmost FM Voice Repeater"

### SECOND MEETING:

The April, 2006 meeting was held April 12, 2006 at the Keweenaw Pines Apartments in the Community Room of Building C. The meeting was opened by President Lee Royce, KC8DYG with 2 officers (KC8DYG and W8FWG) and seven other members present. (KB8XI, N8IMU, K9GIR, KD8ABP, KC8YDU, WB8CBA and N8HZH.). The Vice President and Engineer were absent.

### MINUTES:

A Treasurer's report was given, showing a Bank Balance of \$2319.60 as of April 12, 2006. With the absence of N8KSO there was no Engineers' Report. (Also, no A/T Committee Report)

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** A motion by N8HZH and a second by KB8XI to appoint a new engineer passed unanimously. The new Engineer is Gary Hansen, K8YSZ. A motion to extend our thanks to Doug, N8KSO, for his past work carried unanimously.

Work to be done at the Keweenaw Repeater site ASAP is:

1. To replace the present battery string with a newer type that doesn't require maintenance.
2. To purchase an inexpensive wattmeter to be left in the circuit at the site
3. To repair both doors (new hinges) of the existing steel cabinet
4. To mount solidly the BPF within the cabinet
5. To rewire the cabinet, paying attention to lead dress
6. To add a new DC switching circuit from Commercial Power to Battery

It was moved and second (N8HZH and KB8XI) to have the President contact the OEM for Keweenaw County asking for a Homeland Security Grant, detailing what expenses are to be incurred at the "315" repeater site, to help recoup the cost of the above six items.

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Geo., W8FWG has been working with the Physics teacher, (Mr. Michael Benda) of Jeffers High School, with their new radio class, and also has started working with the Lake Linden Elementary school under a program they call "Great Explorations." It is an after school program and this particular class is on "ham" radio for a period of 8 weeks, and introducing ARRL's new "Hello" program.

**REPEATER OFF THE AIR:**

It went off the air Wednesday, April 26, (because of a defective transmitter), and was repaired by Anderson Communications of Marquette and back on the air on Saturday, April 29, 2006. Good work by the service techs at Anderson Comm. Thank you Fred and Gary! Nice job!

**DOOR PRIZE:**

The door prize drawing (\$20 Gift Certificate at ACE Hardware of Calumet) was won by Ed, WB8CBA.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM EDST

**REFRESHMENTS:**

Refreshments were provided by George and Virginia Thurner

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held July 12, 2006 at 7:00 pm EDST

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