

KCRA Newsletter

Keweenaw County Repeater Association, Inc.

“Michigan’s Northernmost VHF-FM Voice Repeater”

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:

The First Quarterly meeting of the KCRA was held Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at the home of Gary and Dianne Hansen on Bumbletown Hill, in Keweenaw County, 1108 Bumbletown Rd.

MINUTES OF THE KCRA, Inc. Meeting: January 12, 2011:

The First meeting of the year for the KCRA, Inc was called to order by President Gary Hansen, K8YSZ at 7 pm EST, with 9 members present. A roll call of officers showed the following present: President (K8YSZ), Vice President (KD8JAM), Sec-Treas. George Thurner (W8FWG) Tech/Advisory Committee members KD8ABP and KD8JAM were present. Other members present were, KD8ABP, K9GIR, W8FMR and Associate Members Dianne Hansen, Virginia Thurner and Karen La Bell,

TREASURER’S REPORT:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 2010 FOR THE K.C.R.A.

BEGINNING BALANCE-2010: \$104.84

INCOME		DISBURSEMENTS		CHECKS
DEPOSIT	\$18.00	\$20.00	STATE OF MICHIGAN	3310
DEPOSIT	54.00	23.78	ATT-DEC-2010	3311
DEPOSIT	13.00	26.19	ATT-JAN-2011	3312
DEPOSIT	73.00	VOID		3313
DEPOSIT	25.00	245.14	W8FWG-FINAL PAY	3314
DEPOSIT	13.00	23.88	ATT-FEB	3315
DEPOSIT	68.00	23.88	ATT-MAR	3316
DEPOSIT	56.00	24.01	ATT-APR	3317
DEPOSIT	53.00	30.70	GEO THURNER-FANS	3318
DEPOSIT	20.00	23.95	ATT-MAY	3319
DEPOSIT	20.00	110.00	MARSH AFFINITY-INS	3320
DEPOSIT	20.00	26.25	ATT-JUN	3321
DEPOSIT	20.00	20.00	EC	
DEPOSIT	20.00	20.43	BILL LA BELL-SHIP	3322
DEPOSIT	20.00	54.10	BILL LA BELL-PARTS	3323

DEPOSIT	20.00	40.8	ATT-JUL	3324
DEPOSIT	251.00	20	TEL TALK REIMB	3325
DEPOSIT	252.00	41.88	CHECK ORDER	
DEPOSIT	41.00	129.33	KAREN LA BELL	3326
DEPOSIT	150.00	24.29	ATT-AUG	3327
DEPOSIT	13.00	18.75	BILL BECKS - SHIP	3328
DEPOSIT	50.00	8.46	BILL LA BELL-HANDL	3329
DEPOSIT	100.00	25	PASTY.NET	3330
DEPOSIT	25.00	24.16	ATT-SEP	3331
DEPOSIT	20.00	23.98	ATT-OCT	3332
DEPOSIT	20.00	24.07	ATT-NOV	3333
DEPOSIT	94.00	24.07	ATT-DEC	3334
DEPOSIT	13.00			
DEPOSIT	28.00			
DEPOSIT	100.00			
DEPOSIT	13.00			

\$1747.84 \$1077.10

INCOME-MINUS-DISBURSEMENTS = \$670.74
CHECKBOOK - Bank Balance: = \$670.74

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Given by Gary, K8YSZ: Repeater operating properly. And the controller from the original installation and the autopatch/autodial circuitry is back in service as of July 10, 2010. Thank you Bill (KD8JAM) and Howard (KD8ABP), for your extraordinary work in making all these changes and keeping our repeater one of the best operating, in our area. It is much appreciated by all of us.

A/T COMMITTEE REPORT: The PA for the original repeater has been kept by the KCRA for possible troubleshooting and repair in the future.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS: Rudi D. Edel, N8OIX, of Gaylord .
Jeffrey M. Stricker, W9GY, of Calumet

MOTION: To accept these two applicants as FULL Members of the KCRA.
By: Terry, W8FMR, and seconded by Howard, KD8ABP
The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

A reconditioned power amplifier for the MSR-2000 was obtained by Bill, KD8JAM, and the repeater brought up to original factory specs by Bill, KD8JAM and Howard, KD8ABP. Thanks to both of these gentlemen for their good work in restoring our repeater, making it one of the best operating in the area.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. An **SK** noted for one our members, VA3CLF, (Cliff), of Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada
2. V.E. Testing: January 22, 2011, one person tested (Got a General Class license.).
3. .The passing of Charles Savolainen’s mother-in-law. The Secretary has been instructed to send sympathy cards to both families.
4. Howard, KD8ABP has offered a 24 foot trailer to the KCRA to house radio equipment received from the Office of Emergency Measures.
5. Howard, KD8ABP would like to interface “WIRES” to our repeater. A computer interface is needed.
6. A gift to our President (Gary, K8YSZ), was presented by Howard on behalf of all of the members of the KCRA, a “D-104 Silver Eagle” microphone from KCRA members in honor of his 50 years in ham radio.
7. Feb. 5 is announced as the Swap-Meet in Negaunee, (First Saturday of February)
8. Move the monies in the Building Fund (\$228.00) to the General Fund. MOTION: by Howard KD8ABP and seconded by K9GIR. The motion carried unanimously
9. A preliminary report on the Copper Dog 150, which we will be taking part in shows three races:
 1. March 4, 2011 Calumet to Phoenix (Vansville)-Eagle Harbor
 2. March 5, Eagle Harbor to Copper Harbor
 3. March 6, Copper Harbor to Laurium

RENEW YOUR ARRL MEMBERSHIP OR START A NEW ONE THROUGH THIS CLUB:

The Reason? For each NEW ARRL membership we submit to ARRL through the KCRA we receive FIFTEEN DOLLARS! For each RENEWAL processed through this club the club gets TWO Dollars. Please see the Treasurer (George, W8FWG) for further details. You will be helping the club by doing it through us! Thanks!

MOTION TO ADJOURN: A motion by Howard, KD8ABP and seconded by K9GIR and the meeting adjourned at 1941 (7:41 EST)

REFRESHMENTS: Doughnuts and coffee, Courtesy of Dianne and Gary Hansen.

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NEXT MEETING: Second Wednesday of April, April 13, 2011