

# KCRA Newsletter

Keweenaw County Repeater Association, Inc.

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## Michigan's Northernmost VHF-FM Voice Repeater"

### **PRESIDENT LEE RETURNS HOME::**

Lee Royce (our President) (KC8DYG) returned home from the KMMC on Friday, Dec. 8, 2006, and is recuperating at his apartment in Mohawk. Welcome home Lee!

### **JANUARY MEETING:**

The January 10, 2007 meeting of the KCRA was held at the Keweenaw Pines Apartments near Mohawk at 7 pm EST, with the Secretary-Treasurer, W8FWG presiding. There were 5 members present. After the Roll Call of Officers was given we proceeded to the various reports.

- President: Absent
- Vice President Absent
- Secretary-Treasurer: Present
- Acting Secretary: Virginia C. Thurner: Present
- Tech. Adv. Committee Chairman: Absent
- Tech Adv. Committee Members (2) Both absent

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:**

This is the month that dues are once again accepted. If you have already renewed, disregard this notice.....If you haven't a gentle reminder in the form of a Renewal of Membership Application is enclosed in this newsletter. We value your membership, and the added income keeps our "315" repeater operating.

### **APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP:**

Received from John L. Tobey III, W8JLT of Harrison, MI . Also received an application from Mary Ellen Crider (Assoc.). *(Editor's Note: Because of a lack of a quorum [according to By-Law #2 of our Constitution], which states: "APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP OR RENEWAL MAY BE MADE AT ANY MEETING, PROVIDED A QUORUM IS PRESENT. A QUORUM IS DEFINED AS THE PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT, ONE OTHER OFFICER AND THREE OTHER MEMBERS.", THE TWO APPLICANTS WERE NOT ENROLLED AT THIS TIME (A mere technicality!). We will present their names at the April meeting.*

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Was given by the Secretary-Treasurer.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Via LD call to Rochester, MN: Repeater is operating normally. (K8YSZ)

### **NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS:**

Dennis, K9GIR is making good progress at home, in Eagle Harbor. Our best wishes go out to Dennis!

Lee, KC8DYG is also recuperating at home.

Harold, N8IMU was hospitalized briefly in November of 2006, and is back home again.

Henry, WA8ICV is also recuperating at home.

Dianne Hansen (Assoc. Member) is at the Mayo Clinic awaiting surgery, at this writing.

Gary Hansen (Our V.P.) is awaiting surgery at the Mayo Clinic in February.

Virginia Thurner (Assoc. Member) is doing well, with the rehab. program at Body Mechanix in Calumet

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Homeland Security grant monies have already paid for the AC power installation on the first floor at Mt. Horace Greeley, and for the transmission line for the new repeater. Winter weather has stopped the installation of the new system, but it is planned for the summer of this year.

**NEW BUSINESS:** This just in.....just 24 hours ago. A Motorola MSR2000 Repeater, with backup battery provision has been located by Bill Becks, WA8WG, and is planned for a spring installation at Keweenaw.(Reported in "Agenda") This 110 watt unit will prove to be a good replacement for our existing Motorola GM300 series repeater. We will be reusing our existing duplexers, and ACC RC96 controller, with the autopatch/autodial circuitry installed in it. Thank you, Bill!

**HANDOUTS:** Docket 04-140 (Omnibus Bill)

Docket 05-235 (FCC ends Morse code for amateur licensees)

These dockets were made available to the members attending and are included as attachments with this newsletter.

## **MINUTES OF THE JAN 10, 2007 KCRA MEETING**

(See "Agenda" included as an attachment to this newsletter.)

### **LAPTOP COMPUTERS:**

In our advertising for laptop computers, Jonathan Hopper, AB8WU, has supplied us with a Toshiba computer, and that has been turned over to our Engineer, Gary, K8YSZ. Thank you very much, Jonathan.

### **DUES ADJUSTMENT:**

With our October meeting showing a dues increase to \$13/year for individual memberships and \$18 for family memberships, we discussed the future of dues at the January meeting.

Autopatch and Autodial continue to be FREE items for club members.

These increases are being made with the understanding that the financial health of the organization

would be reviewed after the January meeting in 2007. (Deferred until the April Meeting)

**DOOR PRIZES:**

It was also suggested to give a door prize of food, in lieu of any other item, for the time being. Mark Konczel, KC8YDU was the winner of the door prize of food at the meeting.

**COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENT:**

Since the future of the CCRAA's "U.P. Ham Directory" is not known at this time, it was suggested to evaluate this item at the January 2007 meeting of the KCRA. (This refers to placing a \$50 ad in that publication.) *{Since a quorum was not present we will defer this item to the April meeting}*

The Lake Superior Pro Rally (Precision driving) was held October 20 and 21 (Friday and Saturday). We received a sizeable check from that organization (donation) to our club. Thanks to Scott Carlborn, N8WQG, Chairman.

**TOP STORIES OF 2006 FROM ARRL IN REVIEW:**

**(Goto the ARRL Home page for the Full stories - [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org))**

- 20 Jan ARLB002 Joel Harrison, W5ZN Elected ARRL's 14<sup>th</sup> President
- 14 Feb ARLS001 Suit-Sat Keeps On Ticking
- 27 Mar ARLB 005 Vanity Call Sign Fee To Drop Later In The Year
- 28 Apr ARLB007 House Committee OK's Telecom Bill
- 03 May ARLB008 FCC WARC-03 Amateur Rules Change Soon In Effect
- 11 June ARSoo4 NASA Releases ISS Pass Times For FD
- 27 July ARLS005 Cube-Sat Launch Fails
- 22 Aug ARLS006 ISS Crew, ARISS Team Troubleshoots SSTV System
- 19 Sep ARLS017 Radio Jammer Gerritsen Gets Seven Years And Fine
- 13 Oct ARLB020 ARRL Requests Member Input On Recent FCC "Omnibus" Report And Order
- 22 Nov ARLB027 "Omnibus" Amateur Radio Report And Order Takes Effect
- 16 Dec ARLB 030 FCC To Drop Morse Testing For All Amateur License Classes

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn By: Jon, N8HZH and seconded by Mark, KC8YDU and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. EST

The formal business meeting adjourned and refreshments were served by Virginia and George Thurner

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**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the KCRA will be the second Wednesday of April.....April 11, 2007.