

KCRA NEWSLETTER
The Keweenaw County Repeater Association, Inc.
"Michigan's Northernmost VHF Voice Repeater"
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GREETINGS FELLOW RADIO HAMS AND VISITORS

FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR:

IN ATTENDANCE: George, W8FWG.....Dave, AG8NT.....Karen, (Associate).....Donald, W8PSP.....Jeff, W9GY.....Gary, K8YSZ (Via Facebook).....Bill, KD8JAM.....Erik Lee (Associate)

Self introductions followed. W8FWG, AG8NT, Karen LaBell (Associate), W8PSP, W9GY, K8YSZ, KD8JAM, Erik Lee (Associate)

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS SHOWED THE FOLLOWING:

- _P_ President Gary, K8YSZ (Via Facebook)
- _P_ Vice President Bill, KD8JAM
- _P_ Secretary George, W8FWG
- _P_ Treasurer Bill, KD8JAM

REPORTS: President, Engineer's, Secretary, Treasurer, T/A Committee

- _____ PRESIDENT'S REPORT (All systems up and working)
- _____ ENGINEER'S REPORT (AOK)
- _____ Engineer Gary, K8YSZ (All systems up and working)
- _____ SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Is this report)
- _____ TREASURER'S REPORT Balance in Treasury: \$3522.57
- _____ T/A Committee Report (No report)

_____ OLD BUSINESS: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It was the consensus of all present to have the Secretary cast one ballot for the reelection of all officers for the year 2019.

_____ Add: Amendment #36: Deleting the name of Howard Klann (SK), KD8ABP and adding Danny, KB8W as a new member to the T/A Committee.

_____ Add: Amendment #37: Showing the present list of Control Operators also adding Danny, KB8W (Due to the passing of Howard Klann KD8ABP)

MSP: By W9GY, Seconded by W8PSP to add both amendments to our Constitution.
The motion carried, unanimously.

_____ THANKS TO PASTY.NET (Jon, AB8WU and Charlie KD8JAJ) for providing power and telephone service to our club. It is very much appreciated.

_____ NEW BUSINESS

CopperDog, Sled Dog Race Date: March 1,2,3 of 2019. K9C Special Event call sign. Remoted to W8PSP's residence using Flex Radio System

There will actually be three races this Year:

FRIDAY NIGHT - CALUMET TO GAY ONLY 25 MILES
COPPER HARBOR TO CALUMET ON SUNDAY 80 MILES
FRIDAY NIGHT - CALUMET TO EAGLE RIVER
FRI-SAT-SUN - COPPERDOG 150

Will we be taking part again? Yes Volunteers? See Bill, KD8JAM

Note: You don't have to be an amateur Radio Operator to take part in Communications as we will be using the 800 MHz band in addition to the HAM radio frequencies. (But still report to the Communications Mgr. , Bill, KD8JAM.)

_____ Michigan QSO Party: Will we be taking part again? Yes W8K Special Event call sign From KD8JAM's Residence. Jeff, W9GY will get permission to use K9C and W8K for these two events.

_____ Subject of a controller: For the YAESU DR2 transceiver at Mt. Horace Greeley MSP: to order at a cost not to exceed \$600.00 a controller for the DR2. Autopatch is an accessory that can be added later. (W9GY/W8PSP) Motion carried unanimously.

AUTOPATCH TEST MADE ON: 01/05/2019 , by W8FWG and found to be in good working order.

_____AUTOPATCH USE INSTRUCTIONS:

REVIEW: To initiate autopatch precede the numerals with the STAR (*) sign
To disconnect use the POUND (#) sign The autopatch has a 2-1/2 minute timer, so make your calls short.

*911 will reach the Keweenaw Co. Sheriff's Office (337-5028)

*912 will reach the Houghton Co. Sheriff's Office (482-0055)

*916 will reach the U.S. Coast Guard at Dollar Bay (482-1520)

*xxx.xxxx for LOCAL calls (That is: * + 3 digit Exchange + 4 digits)

LD: *1.xxx.xxx.xxxx (That is: * + 1 + 3-digit Area Code + 3-digit Exch+ 4 digits)

*xx Speed Dialing (You are allowed to have TWO FREE Speed Dialing features)

*xxx. xxx.xxxx (Cell phones) or * 3-digit Area Code + 3-digit Exchange + 4-digit number.

To subscribe to your TWO FREE telephone numbers for SPEED DIALING contact Bill, KD8JAM at: 337-2546. He will program the numbers in for you before you can use this system.

_____ Erik Lee reported on the progress of the CAP radio installation at his residence in Laurium, consisting of a transceiver and an inverted vee type of antenna system. He hopes to have it installed and working within the next 30 days.

_____ Hamfest (Swap-N-Shop) at Negaunee is on Feb. 2, 2019

_____ Conflict! There is a V.E. Test Session scheduled in Houghton County on that same date. (02/02/19) Most examiners will be in Negaunee. Sorry about that Mary, but I was not notified, and knew nothing about the change until tonight's meeting. Perhaps a change is needed? Call me. (337-2542). What became of our quarterly test sessions of JAN-APR-JUL-OCT? I did not receive any information on that change, and I've been a V.E. Member for over 30 years! Do I understand that we still have HAM exams "On Demand?"

_____ Jon, AB8WU is asking for someone or some group to take over the operation of the 6M repeater located at W8PSP's residence. It would remain there, and Don would pay the power bill (Thank you Don!)...Don has also donated the antenna system (thank you again Don) and all that is needed is a 150 foot piece of low-loss coaxial cable., and funding has already been provided and approved by the KCRA club to take over the operation of this 6M repeater. Donations for this repeater have already been received from W8PSP, AG8NT, KD8JAM, W9GY and W8FWG. Erik Lee will order the LMR-400 coaxial cable this coming week. MSP: For the KCRA to take over operation of the 6M repeater with a motion by W9GY and a Second by W8PSP. The motion carried unanimously.

_____ FIELD DAY June 29-30 to be held at the Quincy Mine site once again. W8PSP will coordinate that one with the proper agency.

_____ Updated Membership as of 01/01/2019 KCRA now has 15members (at the start of the year 2019).

_____ ADJOURNMENT OF BUSINESS MEETING : At: 8:00pm EST.

_____ REFRESHMENTS SERVED BY: Jeff & Julie Stricker (W9GY and YF) and Bill (KD8JAM) & Karen LaBell

_____ FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING MEETING

_____ SDR DEMO: A demonstration of Software Defined Radio and a look at the station of Bills', KD8JAM. A very impressive layout.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE EVENING: Was a connection via Facebook on the Internet of our President Gary, K8YSZ. Gary you are looking good, and I was happy that you could take part in the meeting from Hancock. Good show! It was TWO WAY communication between Gary and the club members.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 (second Wednesday of April)