

KCRA Newsletter

**Keweenaw County Repeater Association
Third quarter 2019**

Meeting minutes – Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Call to order at 7:13 p.m.

Roll call of officers:

Present: President/Treasurer Bill LaBell, KD8JAM; Secretary Dave Gonigam, AG8NT.
Absent: Vice President Don Lafreniere, W8PSP.

Also in attendance:

Jeff W9GY, Winnie KE8HWS, Vance KC8RGO, Rachele WH6EWB, Sam KD9HFU, Matt KB8VBL.

Engineer's report:

Everything in good working order. That said, a trip up to Gratiot Lake is in order soon to inspect power, batteries, etc.

Vance inquired what the .315 repeater is running at present. It's a Motorola MSR-2000 (originally tuned for commercial frequencies) on batteries with a charger. Bill is still investigating a new controller, but it's not a high priority item at this time.

Treasurer's report

Balance in treasury \$4,500.54. Bill just transferred approx. \$89 from the PayPal account. Field Day was \$129.36 for food and beverage. CCRAA and KCRA split it \$64.68 each, CCRAA has reimbursed KCRA for its portion.

Bill paid the insurance, \$185/yr. Went up last year after adding both Yaesu repeaters to the policy. All of the club's possessions are covered by the policy now.

Expenses in the last quarter included \$100 for the grand prize at the Chassell hamfest. The rest was Field Day-related.

Technical/advisory committee report

(See engineer's report.)

Secretary's report

Dave promises to be more timely in the delivery of the minutes than was the case last quarter. Will also re-send minutes along with the agenda the week before each quarterly meeting, so members will have a refresher on what was discussed last time.

Old business:

Autopatch test: George Thurner, W8FWG, conducted successful autopatch test on Friday, June 21.

Field Day: There were lessons learned with the dipole atop the mine shaft. Next year, a longer rope will cut down on the number of steps necessary to ascend the shaft's rickety interior.

Thanks as always to pasty.net for covering the club's telephone and electric costs at Gratiot Lake. Operations of the .315 repeater have become progressively more energy-efficient. Vance inquired whether they could be even more energy-efficient with less transmitter power; after some discussion the consensus was to leave current power levels where they are.

The matter of linking to other U.P. repeaters also came up; the discussion is ongoing.

New business:

Jeff reminds us the Escanaba hamfest is Saturday Aug. 3.

Adjournment:

Motion by Vance, seconded by Jeff. Meeting adjourns at 7:45 p.m.

Post-meeting fellowship

At Rachelle's suggestion, the more veteran members of the club described their backgrounds and interest in the hobby so Rachelle and Sam could get to know us better. We welcome them both!