

KCRA Newsletter

Keweenaw County Repeater Association

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Meeting minutes – Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Call to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call of officers, all present:

President/Treasurer Bill LaBell, KD8JAM

Vice President Don Lafreniere, W8PSP

Secretary Dave Gonigam, AG8NT

Also present:

Jeff Stricker, W9GY; Vance Nelson, KC8RGO; Winnie Nelson, KE8HWS

Engineer's report:

Repeaters are functional. No opportunity for a site visit to Mt. Horace Greeley so far this summer. However, Matt Miller, KD8OOS, was there in June to check up on the HARC repeater. A quick visual inspection of our club's gear turned up no problems other than corroding battery connectors; he filled the battery water, for which we extend our thanks.

Treasurer's report:

End-of-quarter statement balance in the treasury is \$4,512.28, not including \$90.37 in the PayPal account.

Technical/advisory committee report:

Echolink software: Bill performed another update on the Windows software for Echolink; it appears [updates are coming regularly now](#) after a 14-year pause that ended this past spring.

Cross-band: Discussion followed about options to improve the .315's coverage in Houghton-Hancock beyond the current cross-band arrangement. Possibilities include relocating the cross-band, a remote receive site, or linking to another repeater. No formal proposals at this time.

Secretary's report:

No changes to the April minutes, approved by acclamation.

Old business:

Autopatch test: George Thurner, W8FWG, conducted a successful test of the autopatch on Sunday July 11.

Keweenaw County EOC gear: Bill retrieved the listed EOC gear from the home of former ARES Emergency Coordinator Gary Hansen, K8YSZ, now living out of state. At this time, it's in storage at the CCRAA clubhouse.

Lighthouses On the Air, August 21-22: The plan is to stick with the special event call K8L using an /E suffix for Eagle Harbor and a /C suffix for Copper Harbor, with that information posted on QRZ. QSL cards haven't been printed yet, so there's time to include checkboxes for each location on the cards. Official dates/times for the event: 00.01 UTC 21st August to 24.00 UTC 22nd August 2021.

Thanks as always to pasty.net for covering the club's telephone and electric costs.

New business:

Signalink: Bill acquired another used Signalink USB interface for \$50 and swapped it out for the one in use on the Echolink node. Vance moved to reimburse, Jeff seconded, all approved.

Canal Run: Still looking for volunteers.

Adjournment:

Jeff motions to adjourn, Don seconds. Meeting adjourns at 7:49 p.m. The next meeting is Wednesday, October 13, 2021.