

KCRA Newsletter

**Keweenaw County Repeater Association
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In memory of Gary Hansen, K8YSZ

Meeting minutes — Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Call to order at 7:20 p.m.

Roll call of officers:

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

Also in attendance:

Jim Siira, KE8PSS; Dennis Provost, guest. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Copper Country Radio Amateur Association, whose officers were all present: Logan Johnson, KD8VRD; Matt Wright, KB8VBL; Amber Kraft, KD9KKY; and Matt Miller, KD8OOS.

Secretary's report:

See the March 2023 minutes. No changes.

Treasurer's report:

Balance in the treasury is \$4,650.71, plus \$13.99 in the PayPal account.

Engineer's report:

The unusually long squelch tail on the .315 is once again occurring intermittently. The issue might be on the receive side, but it will take an in-person trip and a tower climb to confirm and fix. Echolink continues to work well since Bill took the LattePanda out of service and began using the Windows computer in his shack instead.

Bill has sent in the yearly coordination to the Upper Peninsula Amateur Radio Repeater Association and filed the UHF repeater as temporarily off the air.

Old business:

Exams: At the April 1 session, three candidates earned their Technician licenses, and one General licensee upgraded to Amateur Extra. A bonus session (in addition to the regularly-scheduled July 1 session) is set for Saturday May 13 at 9:00 a.m. at Franklin Township Hall; exams will be available for all three license classes.

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

Thanks as well to Franklin Township Supervisor Mary Sears, KE8FEU for agreeing to host the KCRA's meetings at the Franklin Township Hall.

Joint KCRA/CCRAA functions:

Field Day, June 24-25: Field Day committee chair Matt Wright will send an email to line up committee volunteers.

CCRAA clubhouse cleanup: Logan has ventured to the clubhouse several times this spring for interior cleaning. A front window has a hole in the sill and needs repair; it might well be contributing to the pest issue, although no new mice messes have turned up in the areas he's worked on. The next CCRAA meeting on June 7 will be a cleanup effort at the clubhouse along with radio checks and other preparations to host Field Day there.

New business:

Bridgefest, June 15-18: Volunteers will be needed for the parade through downtown Houghton Friday June 16 starting at 6:30 p.m.

SKYWARN spotter training, May 15: Personnel from the National Weather Service forecast office in Negaunee Township will host annual spotter training at the ATDC conference room on the MTU campus in Houghton, 1400 Townsend Dr. No registration necessary.

Future hands-on workshops: After a successful session on April 5, the clubs are entertaining additional ideas; Chuck Young, KF8TI, has made several proposals that can be discussed at a future meeting. The focus of the June 7 session will be clubhouse cleanup.

Adjournment:

Matt Miller moves to adjourn, Matt Wright seconds. The meeting is adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Next meeting:

Wednesday July 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the CCRAA clubhouse. At that time we intend to resume the familiar tempo of quarterly meetings in January, April, July and October.