

KCRA Newsletter

Keweenaw County Repeater Association

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Meeting minutes — Saturday, October 14, 2023

Call to order at 11:34 a.m.

Roll call of officers, [all present]:

President/Treasurer Bill LaBell, KD8JAM

Vice President Don Lafreniere, W8PSP

Secretary Dave Gonigam, AG8NT

Also present:

George Thurner, W8FWG; Jeff Stricker, W9GY; Stuart Kauppila, W8EEK; Joe Dowd, KE8DUP; Kelly Dowd; Anthony Gettig, N8VOX; Logan Johnson, KD8VRD; Matt Miller, KD8OOS; Amina Lafreniere

Engineer's report

All is functioning as it should on the .315 except for an occasional "chuffing" sound.

Houghton County has donated a Motorola MTR2000 VHF repeater (originally tuned for the business bands) that was previously located at the old EOC in Laurium. The plan is to get it in place before the snow flies. It will require two more batteries and a 24V charger.

Treasurer's report

Balance in the treasury at the end of the third quarter was \$4,094.97. As of the meeting date, \$4,467.13.

Technical/advisory committee report

[See engineer's report above.]

Secretary's report

No changes or corrections to the July minutes.

Old business

George's efforts to publish the first edition of the **U.P. Ham Directory** since 2016 came to fruition in September — just in time for distribution at the Negaunee hamfest. Special thanks to Marc Norton at Copper Island Printing for helping see through this project to completion. As of the meeting date, two copies remain available for sale.

The **October VE session** had one candidate who successfully upgraded from Technician to General. An on-demand session is set for Saturday, October 21.

Autopatch is currently out of service, awaiting adjustments to the controller.

Plans to order a **beam antenna**, as discussed at the July meeting, have been pushed back to 2024.

Battery backup for the VOIP analog phone adapter needs to be plugged in.

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

New business:

[None]

Adjournment:

George motions to adjourn, Stuart seconds. The meeting adjourns at 11:49 a.m.

Next meeting:

Saturday, January 13, 2024 at the Loading Zone II, 406 Calumet St., Lake Linden.