

# **KCRA Newsletter**

**Keweenaw County Repeater Association**

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**Third quarter 2024**

***In memory of Gary Hansen, K8YSZ and George Thurner, W8FWG***

**Meeting minutes — Saturday, July 13, 2024**

**Call to order at 11:43 a.m.**

## **Roll call of officers:**

President/Treasurer Bill LaBell, KD8JAM present

Vice President Don Lafreniere, W8PSP absent

Secretary Dave Gonigam, AG8NT present

## **Also present:**

Karen LaBell, KE8TXB; Kevin Kirschke, N8ZGO; Cristy Kirschke, KC8SGQ; Amber Kraft, KD9KKY; Jeff Stricker, W9GY; Stuart Kauppila, W8EEK; Stan LaMuth, WB8QJZ; Mike Hicks, KL2YE; Reece White, KE8ZDM; Antonia Burich, KE8SMB; Matt Miller, KD8OOS.

## **Engineer's report**

Everything in good working order.

## **Treasurer's report**

Balance at the end the second quarter: \$4550.43. Balance as of the evening before the meeting: \$4272.43. Recent expenses include \$183.54 for the KCRA's half of Field Day obligations for posters, food, beverages, plates. Insurance for the club's equipment was paid last week.

## **Secretary's report**

No additions or changes to the April minutes.

## **Old business**

**Post-Field Day report:** Great turnout from hams and visitors alike. Thanks to Stuart for all-day grill duty. Thanks to Matt for the truck/generator. And thanks to Civil Air Patrol for use of their trailer.

**International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend (Aug. 17-18):** No need for a Friday night setup this year at Eagle Harbor Lighthouse; Saturday 9:00 a.m. will be

sufficient. The special-event call K8L is secured. After discussion, the consensus is that if turnout and propagation are disappointing — the event inevitably falls during Pasty Fest — an alternative for next year might be a Parks on the Air activation at Agassiz Park in Calumet.

**Copper Country Hamfest 2024 (Oct. 5):** The Ojibwa Senior Center is booked — 208 Main Ave. in Baraga. Setup starts at 8:00 a.m. and the event at 9. We'll have a swap and exams. Jeff has notified ARRL so that ARRL will send a prize package; generally these arrive about two weeks before the event. Tentative plans for hot dogs and soda.

**New date for U.P. Hamfest (Aug. 3):** The Delta County Amateur Radio Society has moved this event to the first weekend in August. American Legion Post 301, 10584 Main St. in Rapid River.

**July exam sessions:** One candidate earned her Technician license. In addition, paperwork was processed so a ham whose license had expired could reclaim his General privileges.

**Keweenaw County EOC:** Reece reports that while plans are still in the very early stages, decision-makers have settled on a location between Mohawk and Fulton.

**Thanks as always** to [pasty.net](http://pasty.net) for covering the club's telephone and electric costs.

### **New business**

**Email list:** Bill reminds the group that anyone on the KCRA email list can post to the list; everyone has privileges. The KCRA is ARRL-affiliated but is not a 501(c)3 organization for tax purposes.

### **Adjournment:**

Antonia moves, Amber seconds. The meeting is adjourned at 12:05.

### **Next meeting (NOT on the usual schedule):**

One time only, the next meeting will be on the *third* Saturday of the month, Oct. 19 at 11:30 a.m. at The Hut in Kearsarge.