

## 2008 January Membership Meeting Minutes

The next Holland Amateur Radio Club business meeting is on February 12 at 7:15 PM.

Minutes of the January 8, 2008 meeting:

- \* The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM. 14 people filled in the sign-in sheet.
- \* The minutes of the December 11, 2007 meeting were approved.
- \* Dave, WA8RSA gave the treasurer's report on behalf of Jim, KC8KE: the main account had a balance of \$2646.88, and the swap account had a balance of \$2847.00.
- \* Tim Leech discussed a service option that could lower the club's gas bill. It was proposed that the club switch to this service. The matter was tabled for next month's meeting.
- \* Ernie, W8EL brought up the fact that several businesses surrounding the clubhouse have closed as the proposed traffic circle project makes headway, and suggested that the club begin actively searching for a new clubhouse.
- \* Dave, WA8RSA is continuing to investigate phone and Internet service options for the repeater, but is having difficulty contacting the phone company.
- \* Ken, ZR5AAD reported that the IRLP node is continuing to have reliability issues. Dave Cameron, VE7LTD has run tests on the node and notes high latency, and IP address changes outside the usable range defined in the node's configuration as contributing factors to the problem.
- \* Ed, KF8EV reported that 10 people had signed up for the upcoming Tech/General class.
- \* Ernie, W8EL reported that no progress had yet been made in the bylaw rewrite process, and asked for additional volunteers to work on it.
- \* It was announced that John, KC8QDE was the winner of the 2007 Ham of the Year award.
- \* Elections for the 2008 HARC Board of Directors, tabled last month due to low attendance, were held. Citing concerns over unacceptable delays, it was decided to waive the quorum requirement and elect officers from among those in attendance.
- \* Ernie, W8EL suggested ways of promoting the club, citing a recent online discussion that retirees, not children, were the most viable target audience for such promotion.
- \* Joe, N8FQ showed a video documenting the process of homebrewing vacuum tubes. Ernie, W8EL provided translations of the French subtitles.
- \* The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

-Joe, N8FQ