

Holland Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting

1-14-2013

Announcements:

Meeting started at 7:00 PM by vice-president, Jeff Ver Hage, KB8QAP

Jeff led with introductions of everyone in the room, and then reminded us of the two recent silent keys, Larry England, K8GMO and Pollee Lloyd, wife of Ernie, W8EL.

The minutes were accepted as published on the website.

Treasurers report, \$166.76 in the membership account, \$5,041.64 in the general fund. This report was accepted and approved.

Old Business:

Hank, K8HLD reported that the membership directories were here. The cost was \$135.11. Motion was made to approve payment, 2nded and passed. There is one directory for each member, and for anyone else the cost is \$1.00.

Bryan, KD8LDX is looking for an assistant for Field Day. Two band chairmen are signed up. If you wish to be in charge of a band/mode, please contact Bryan.

Jim, KC8KE will reserve the park next to the Ottawa County Fairgrounds.

Field Day is June 22 and 23, 2013.

Skywarn Ottawa County and Kent County are teaming up for Skywarn training this year. It will be February 21, 2013 at the Grandville Middle School. More information is at:

<http://www.hollandarc.org/?p=2652>

Jeff, KB8QAP brought up a list of upcoming events in west Michigan.

New Business:

Tom, K8TB made a motion to buy a used Dell laptop computer for an amount not to exceed \$250.00. This laptop will be available for club presentations and has an RS-232 for programming radios. Motion was seconded and passed.

Jeff, KB8QAP donated a 30 cup coffee pot to the Ottawa Red Cross for their and our use.

We then heard from one of our new members, Tom Bannach, K8TWB, who is a volunteer with the Ottawa Red Cross. Tom Bannach and Duane Rotman, (also from the ORC) handed out a list of events

that the ORC will be involved with this year, and they are looking for communicators. Communicators will have to have a background check; however, this is a simple online routine on the ORC web site:

<http://www.mybackgroundcheck.com/>

Tom, K8TWB will be the liaison between HARC and the Ottawa Red Cross. Please contact him if you are interested in helping with Ottawa Red Cross communications at various events.

There was talk of buying training DVD's for the club. Hank, K8HLD requested that Jeff, KB8QAP and Tom, K8TB review what is available at what cost and report back to the club.

Bryan, KD8LDX gave a great talk on the upcoming VHF contest on Jan 19 and 20, including a new FM only category.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56PM

Program:

After the break, Bryan, KD8LDX gave a very good talk on how to use the IRLP node on the Holland ARC's UHF repeater. A copy of his bullet points can be found on the website at:

http://www.hollandarc.org/?page_id=2649

Submitted: Tom Bosscher, K8TB, Secretary, Holland ARC