

The Landline

Newsletter of the
Copper Country Radio Amateur Association, Inc.
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CLUB MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:

Club meetings of the CCRAA are always held the first Tuesday of each month, unless notified of a change, in this newsletter.

The December , 2008 meeting of the Copper Country Radio Amateur Association will be held on **Tuesday , December 2**, Eastern Time at the Dollar Bay Firehall in Dollar Bay. It is located at 48649 Main Street in Dollar Bay. This will be “pot luck” so bring a dish to pass (hot or cold) and enjoy the party.

MINUTES OF THE November 6, 2008 MEETING

CALL TO ORDER:

The November 6, 2008 Meeting of the CCRAA, Inc was held at the Dollar Bay Firehall and opened at 7:00 PM EST, Vice President starting the meeting as the President had another meeting to attend.

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS:

The following were present at this meeting:

W8FWG, WA8QNF, WA8JSF, W8ERB, K6IPC, KC8FLK, N8ZBJ, WA1UJU, N8BFL, N8XJK, KD8JAM, KC8VEU, KD8FPN

AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING: Approved (Unanimously)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Were dispensed with as they were published in the last issue of "The Landline."

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President KD8GBH is working on a letter to be sent to former members. It was not available at this printing. (President did arrive at approximately 7:15 pm EST) Also: Ideas for growth and programming, President is looking for suggestions from members.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Showed a Beginning Balance of \$3,937.33 and an Ending Balance of \$3,917.54
A reminder: For every NEW membership to ARRL, if done through the Treasurer of this club, the club receives a \$15.00 rebate. For every renewal, the club will receive \$2.00, so when becoming a member of ARRL, first time) of in renewing your ARRL Membership, please try to do it through the club, as it will help the organization financially. Contact the Treasurer (Glenn Ekdahl, WA8QNF for details.)

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SERVICE: N8WAV (Absent)

PUBLICATIONS/PUBLIC RELATIONS: KC8NPI (Absent)

PROGRAMS: KD8ABP (Absent)

RADIO OPERATIONS: WB8FCY (Absent)

PROPERTY REPORT: Geo, W8FWG reported that the property at Osceola is in good shape, gas tank full, no heat being turned on during the winter months, flag brought in until spring, weekly routines (batteries, checked) Engine run on the first of each month, Lamp bulbs (for heat) turned on, in the packet radio cabinet. All antennas working.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Vacant (No report)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS: (U.P. Ham Directory) (From Geo. W8FWG) He is not planning on publishing one, but there will be an online copy on the KCRA web page at: www.kcra-mi.net (About end of January, 2009)

V.E. REPORT: (Glenn, WA8QNF)

Glenn reported: One upgrade to General Class, and two upgrades to Extra Class. the fee, starting January 1, 2009 will be \$15.00, (up one-dollar from last year) and the V.E. Team gets to keep \$7.00 out of each applicant for prudent expenses for the team....i.e. pencils, paper, postage, etc.) The next exam will be the FOURTH week of January, 2009, that is January 24, 2009 at Douglass Houghton Hall in the Ballroom.

Glenn also mentioned the team could be traveling to Ontonagon to give an exam for an individual did not have the travel expense to come to Houghton.

OLD BUSINESS:

Constitution/By-Law being rewritten by W8ERB, WA8JSF, KC8FLK. This is a “WIP” (Work-In-Progress) item and they expect to have it re-written by the summer of 2009.

NEW BUSINESS:

Looking for manuals for a radio, or perhaps you are interested in buying a radio, but would like to know something about it ... download a manual, free, from one of these sites. Some also include service manuals. Scanner Owner's Manuals: Uniden Bearcat, Motorola, Radio Shack Realistic, Regency - Factory Service Manuals - Scanner Manuals - Ham Radio Manuals <<http://www.ajpotts.fsnet.co.uk/Scanner-Manuals.html>>

BAMA <<http://bama.sbc.edu/>>

AWH: Scanner Owner's Manuals: Uniden Bearcat, Motorola, Radio Shack Realistic, Regency - Factory Service Manuals - Scanner Manuals - Ham Radio Manuals <<http://myweb.accessus.net/%7E090/bearcattng.html>>
mods.dk - Manuals <<http://www.mods.dk/>>

Roland, KB8XI
<<http://www.mods.dk/>>

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

To keep the December 2, 2008 meeting to a maximum of 10 minutes, with the remaining time devoted to the party.

To announce the December (Christmas Party) on both the Wednesday night and Friday night nets.)

Handouts: (From Geo, W8FWG) License renewing, SWR chart, Autopatch instructions.

NEW MEMBERS:

Motion:

To accept Charles Hopper, KD8JAJ as a new member. Motion carried, unanimously.

ARRL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS: RECEIVED:

(One) from Geo, W8FWG

MOTION:

To adjourn by: KC8FLK and 2nd by:N8ZBJ, and the meeting adjourned at 7:37PM.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

If you have a change of your residential address or your E-Mail address, please notify the Secretary of the club. If you know of someone missing the newsletter, please have them get it touch with the Secretary also. Thanks! If you are a “snowbird” (go away for the winter) please give us your winter address so that you can keep up on the goings-on, in

our club. We'll be happy to send your copy to you at your winter address, and don't forget to notify us again, when you return, so you can continue receiving the "Landline."

NEXT MEETING : Will be TUESDAY, January 6, 2009, at the Dollar Bay Fire Hall at 7 pm Eastern Standard Time.

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