

Holland ARC General Membership Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2012

Meeting started at 7 PM by Ike, K8EMU, President.

Ike then had everyone introduce themselves. Ike made mention of our four guests.

Ike postponed the business to start hearing from our four guests.

Beth Thomas, Director of Emergency management, Ottawa County.

Beth spent about 30 minutes talking about changes at Ottawa Emergency Management.

Beth mentioned that RACES is a program administered through county agencies, and that Rick, N8GGO was Ottawa Counties Races director.

Mike Mitchell, Director, Ottawa Red Cross, Holland.

Mike talked the realistic place for amateur radio communications in today's disasters. He warned us that many folks will never ever consider amateur radio, but we should be ready. Mike used several stories of how he has been deployed in the past.

Don Meyer, ARRL EC for Ottawa County

Don explained his roles as the new EC for the ARRL in Ottawa County. To join ARES, there is a form on the ARRL web site that you can fill out and send to him.

Rick Elushik, Director of OCARA for Ottawa County Emergency Management.

Rick explained that the use of the term OCEC is gone. The new name is Ottawa County Amateur Radio Auxiliary, or OCARA. Rick is the director of OCARA, which reports to the volunteer coordinator of Ottawa Emergency Service. OCARA is part of Ottawa County Emergency Management. Rick gave a brief history of OCEC in the past, and the change to OCARA.

At 9 o'clock we broke for a break. The business meeting started at 9:10 PM.

A motion was made by Hank, K8HDL to accept the July minutes as published on the website. Seconded and approved. K8PVH shows \$ 4,612.58 in the general fund and \$ 166.76 in the membership account.

There was no old business brought up.

New business:

Phil, K8PVH and Ernie, W8EL talked about the Alzheimer's walk communications need on August 25.

Tom, K8TB talked about the upcoming ham classes. Information on the web site.

Jeff, KB8QAP talked about the upcoming ILLW Lighthouse weekend and that he and Bryan, KD8LDX will be at the Grand Haven south Pier to put it's two lighthouses on the air. Jeff also talked about a simple QRP in the Kiwanis campground coming up.

Hank, K8HLD talked about Ottawa County CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) classes coming up. A solid 8 week commitment.

Meeting closed at 9:25 PM !

Submitted by Tom Bosscher K8TB