

Holland ARC General Membership Meeting - Minutes April 08, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by HARC president, Ike Dewitt K8EMU.

Introductions were made around the room and the sign-in sheet was passed.

Minutes of the March business meeting were accepted as placed on the web.

**Treasurers Report:** Phil, K8PVH gave the treasury report with \$4900.74 in the general fund and \$286.76 in the membership fund, with a total balance of: \$5187.50 for both accounts. The treasurers report was seconded and approved by the membership.

**Announcements:** none to report

**Old Business:** none to report

**New Business:** Phil, K8PVH opened discussion on the current operating costs for club's P.O box at the Post Office. Cost for the P.O box is \$78 per year. Should the club seek a new location and a lower cost for our mail service? The membership concluded to keep this as a discussion item for now as we scout other alternatives. Mike Mitchell also volunteered to have the Red Cross handle our mail for free.

Next up was Ike, K8EMU who asked the membership when to schedule HARC Field Trips. The majority stated our regular time for club meetings would be best dates for future Field Trips. .

Mike Mitchell from the Red Cross was introduced and spoke on the needs of the Red Cross during Tulip Time and the upcoming April 28<sup>th</sup> Bike Race and the need for radio communicators for the events scheduled. He also spoke about various positions that need to be filled internally at the Red Cross.

Julian Toning was up next and spoke to the group about Tulip Time and fielded questions and concerns for this years Tulip Time. Julian also promoted the volunteer dinner coming up at Art Vans.

Jeff KB8QAP asked on the progress on the fan dipole and HF radio project for the Red Cross and discussion on the project was given. Ernie W8EL stated the Red Cross can use his spare SGC tuner, and the guys are looking into getting a possible bucket truck to hoist the antenna for free.

Fred Moses was also in attendance and spoke to the group on the MS150 bike tour scheduled for June 8-9. Fred asked for the use of the K8DAA 06 repeater for the event and this was approved. Fred stated for those interested in helping out on the MS150 should visit the website: [www.mibikemshams.org](http://www.mibikemshams.org)

In conclusion, new club members in attendance were given out our new new club directories. No further business was heard at this time, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

A great presentation was made by Jeff KB8QAP entitled "Rise of the Quad! Technology behind the GPS enabled RC Quad Rotor" which he spoke on drone technology with RC model helicopters.

The minutes were recorded by HARC Vice President, Jeff Ver Hage- KB8QAP and respectfully submitted to the HARC secretary for posting on the website .