

General Membership Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:110 PM by Ike, K8EMU. He led with introductions and greetings to our new amateur radio operators.

Treasurer's Report:	General Fund	\$5,286.24
	Membership	<u>\$ 286.76</u>
	Total Amount	<u>\$5,573.00</u>

Treasurer's report accepted as read.

Secretary's report: Minutes of the October 14, 2013 meeting were accepted, 2nded and approved.

Announcements:

GRARA is holding an Extra Class class starting Jan 8, 2014.

Upcoming Events:

Kent/Ottawa County Skywarn Training at the Grandville High School, March 6, 2014 from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Register at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/severe-weather-spotter-training-2014-registration-8334301119?aff=erelexporg>

Old Business:

There was discussion about the situation with the City of Holland and the Parade of Lights. The city told us that they will not use the existing lists of credentialed amateur radio communicators, all have to be vetted by the City. There was also a lack of communication from the City.

A motion was made and seconded, passed to approve \$ 125.00 to have a tree service install the pulley on the Red Cross tower.

New Business: Ham of the Year nominations can be made to Jim, KC8KE or Dave, WA8RSA. The award will be presented at the January meeting.

Tom, K8TB gave a report for Laryn, K8TVZ. The north and south receiver sites for the 06 repeater do not have any backup power. This was a huge concern with the wind storm we had in Ottawa County a few weeks before7, when the building that the north receiver site is at lost power. . Tom made a motion to purchase two West Mountain battery isolators/chargers for the two sites for a cost of under \$ 300. 2nded, and passed. Batteries, cabling and fusing to be used at these sites will be donated.

Jeff, KB8QAP brought forth a complaint that the Ham in a Day is too expensive. It was stated that of the \$ 35, \$ 15 goes to the ARRL for VE testing, and that the other \$ 20 was a break even item of the person becoming a member of the club.

Tom, K8TB reported that the new email list has just started, and will report back to the club at the January meeting how the testing period goes with the beta testers.

Tom, K8TB made a motion to have January 20, 2014, as the annual Post-Festivus Holiday celebration at the China King Buffet, on the NW corner of 24th and Waverly, to start at 6pm. 2nded, and approved.

Election of Officers:

The following were voted into office:

Treasurer: Phil VanHuis, K8PVH: Secretary, Todd Boss, W8YHF: Vice-President, Bryan Leenheer, KD8LDX

And President, Tom Bosscher K8TB.

Business meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Program: There was no program.

Submitted: Tom Bosscher, K8TB
Holland ARC Secretary