

General Membership Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Tom, K8TB.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the November 2014 meeting were accepted as published on the website.

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund:	\$4,403.62
Membership:	\$86.76
Total:	\$4490.38

Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Opening Remarks:

Chuck, W8GCW plans to resume the CW Class on January 5th.

Ham In a Day will be held on Saturday, December 13th at 1pm. VE testing will follow at 6pm.

The club will hold the annual club dinner at the Grand King Buffet (661 E 24th St #8, Holland, MI 49423) on Monday, January 19th. The cost is \$11 per person, which includes food, drink, and tip. All are welcome.

Upcoming events:

Programs:

December:

12/13: VE Testing & Ham in a Day (see below)

12/22 E.A.T.: Cancelled for holidays.

January:

1/12 Monthly Meeting: TBD

1/19: Annual HARC Dinner at Grand King Buffet

1/26 E.A.T.: TBD

VE Testing:

VE Testing is conducted at the Red Cross on the second Saturday of each even-numbered month at 6 pm.

"Ham in a Day" events are held prior to the April, August, and December, with the classes starting at 1 PM. VE testing sessions at 6 pm.

The registration form for the December Ham in a Day class is located here:

<http://tinyurl.com/harchiad>

ARRL Centennial QSO Party:

From the ARRL Website (<http://www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party>):

"The ARRL Centennial QSO Party is a year-long operating event that celebrates hams making contacts. In the end you will have accumulated points, worked new stations and made new friends all over the world.

The Centennial QSO Party is made-up of two main activities: (1) W1AW operating portable in each state and most territories; and (2) The Centennial Points Challenge which is the accumulation of points from qualifying contacts made throughout 2014. To have a score listed online in the Points Challenge competition, logs must be submitted through the Logbook of the World (LoTW) system.

W1AW will be on the air from every state and most territories, and it will be easy to work WAS working only W1AW portable operations. This is the first ARRL-sponsored operating event where every member is worth at least one point, so work as many points as you can during 2014! Earn awards based upon points, working all states or working W1AW portable in every state and territory. This is an on-the-air event like no other."

Old Business:

Snowfall nets have begun for the year. Aaron, KD8VUN is submitting reports to Laryn, K8TVZ.

Phil, K8PVH is taking money for club dues; they are due January 1st. The yearly cost is \$20 per person or \$30 per family.

HARC presents the "Ham of the Year" award annually to a member that has provided service to the club and promoted Amateur Radio. Please send nominations to:

Jim KC8KE (kc8ke@arrl.net) or
Dave WA8RSA (wa8rsa@arrl.net)

The club briefly discussed linking the repeaters together for the Monday night nets. This would allow participation via Internet links (e.g. IRLP, Echolink).

New Business:

2015 club officers were elected as follows:

Tom, K8TB – President (re-elected)
Bryan, KD8LDX – Vice President (re-elected)
Phil, K8PVH – Treasurer (re-elected)
Phil, KD8TEW – Secretary

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm, followed by a presentation on solar power and battery storage by Jim Wolter, W9BWC and Ed Brandel, KD8ZPM from Solar24 (<http://www.solar24ham.com/>).

Submitted:

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Please contact the Secretary with comments or corrections.