

General Membership Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2015

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

Secretary's Report:

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

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund:	\$4777.63
Membership:	<u>\$86.76</u>
Total:	\$4864.39

Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

December minutes were posted and accepted.

Opening Remarks:

Many thanks to Todd W8YHF for his service as HARC secretary in 2014.

February 7 at 4pm there will be a New Hams dinner at Old Country Buffet in Rogers Plaza. This is a multi club event, HARC is asked to donate \$20 for door prizes.

Ed KF8EV thanks those who have taken net control recently and those who have been checking in.

Upcoming events:

Programs:

January:

1/19: Annual HARC Dinner at Grand King Buffet, 6:00pm. \$11 tax and tip, all inclusive.

1/26: E.A.T. Bring and Brag - Bring anything homebuilt for Ham radio or related.

VE Testing:

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

“Ham in a Day” events are held prior to the April, August, and December VE testing sessions at 1pm.

The registration form for the December Ham in a Day class is located here:
<http://tinyurl.com/harchiad>

Skywarn Training:

Feb 19 Ottawa/Kent county hosted by Ottawa County, Thursday 7:00pm.

Registration is open for Skywarn training via Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/ottawaskywarn/470566146417100/?notif_t=group_activity

Or the registration site direct:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ottawa-kent-severe-weather-spotter-training-2015-registration-13992276275>

Ottawa County Volunteers Meeting

Jan 13 7:00pm

Old Business:

12/13: VE Testing & Ham in a Day

As a result of the Ham in a Day that the club held on December 13, we have six new amateur radio operators:

Robin Webb of Holland is KE8ABD
Brandon Zylstra of Grand Rapids is KE8ABE
Bob Tropa of Holland is KE8ABF
Bob Roon of Hudsonville is KE8ABG
Ryan Kalman of Hudsonville is KD8ABH
Jacob Andersen of Byron Center is KD8ABI

In addition, Jim Armantout, from Jenison, KD8YBH, upgraded to general at the testing session.

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."

New Business:

Technical Comittee Meeting:

Warm Friend repeater is aging and committee is recommending installation of a Yaesu digital system for \$500. Hank K8HLD makes a motion to purchase repeater system, with second by Bryan. After discussion the motion is passed.

HAM in a Day:

24 tested in 2014 and 24 passed. Bob Heil Amateur radio book to be supplied to those passing the Technician exam? Ed makes the motion to buy the books for 14.95 each. The motion passes and the newest HARC members present receive their books.

Offset attenuator kits

Bryan suggests the purchase of the kits for the purpose of making antennas for foxhunting. Tom makes a motion to purchase 6 kits, for approx \$120, the motion passes.

Ham of the Year:

Dave WA8RSA presents Tom K8TB with the club's Ham of the Year award.

ARRL Centennial Concluded

N3FJP looking at a continous WAS with different states every week.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm, followed by Q&A with the newest Ham in a Day graduates.

Submitted:

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Please contact the Secretary with comments or corrections.