

Iron Range Amateur Radio Club

October 15, 2024

14 People Present – Dan Waters, AA9JG; Paul Penkivech, W8YNY; Mike, KA9RAB and Sandie, KE8DQS Nies; Sandee, KA9UNA, and Dave, KF7CSV Schumacher; Scott Strom, KE8GUB; Ray Guzowski, KE8OBV; Lee, KF8AIF and Penny, KF8AIE Bowser; Jerry Ward, KA8FEF; *Paul Pate, WA8OOM; Kathy Thompson, KE8YXA; Harry Burley, KA8NYP *Teams

Officers – President, Mike Nies; VP- Scott Strom; Treasurer, Paul Penkivech; Secretary, Dan Waters

Net - Sunday – 8 pm 145.17 Tone 107.2 Informal 6m NET at 2pm @ 52.0 MHz fm

Paid members for 2024 - \$24 for the year (send to Paul Penkivech, PO Box 234 Gaastra, MI 49927) Kathy Thompson, KE8YXA (thru 2025); Harry Burley, KA8NYP; Paul Pate, WA8OOM; Dan Waters, AA9JG; Bob Newman W5RHN (thru 2025); Franziska Hancock, K5FRN (thru 2025); Tony Campion, KC9SZW; David, KF7CSV and Sandee, KA9UNA Schumacher; Alma, KC8ZIM, Dan, KC8YIO, and Cheri, KC8GUA Baumgartner; Jerry Ward, KE8FEF; Mike, KA9RAB, and Sandy, KE8DQS Nies; Paul Clay, N7EKY; Joshua Penkivech- KC8MFQ; Jonah Penkivech- RG8U.; John Stachowitz - KC8MFP; Paul, W8YNY, and Michaeline, N8OXV Penkivech; Jim Bonson, KD9MVD; Tina Brehm, KD9RCE; Ray Mark, KB9CBL; Ron Simmons, N8WIS; Bill Grabowski, KD8VTT and Debbie, KD8VTS; Steve Rhoades, KE8QJW; Bob Barnum, KC9RF, Shirley Barnum, WD9CJO; Ray Guzowski, KE8OBV; Kerry Kirkpatrick, KE8RRY; Kurt Markkola, KE7HEV; Matt Sybrant, KB0JWR; Ron Bratrud, N9LHE; Ray Bob Heuer, KD9DDE; Steve Singer, KF8BGC (new call + free for year!); Mike, KE8YXJ, Elaine, KE8YXH McBride (free for 2024); John Mastie, N8OK, Kelly Mastie, KC8LNI (thru 2025); Lee, KF8AIR and Penny, KF9AIE Bowser (free for 2024). **Associate Members**: From Australia Ross Stokes, VK4SRS; John Morris, VK3NRJ; Dennis North, VK4DWN

6:02 pm Mike led in Pledge to Flag. Asked Dan to lead in an Invocation

Minutes– September 17 as distributed. Motion by Sandy to approve. Second by Kathy. Passed.

Treasurer's Report –Paul Pe. Checking \$928.61; Projects \$1,090.99; Savings \$859.57; Testing, \$90.55; Total \$2,969.72. Motion by Harry to accept. Second by Ray. Passed

Net Control –Paul Pe has worked with Kathy. She was intimidated by all his equipment! Ray wrote a Preamble.

Tech Test/Class – Ray suggested that we *advertise a specific date*, perhaps February? Sandy will check open Museum dates in February and perhaps coordinate with Ray. / Kurt M sent an email to everyone in the Club about a free class to upgrade from Tech to General.

Website – Kathy gave Paul names of 3 free website creators (URLs?). Perhaps a “winter project?”

Museum – We signed a car to Fast Air for their help! Could display a list of Silent Keys from our Club. We will collect old pictures of WIKB for our display. Anyone have any old WIKB pictures?

Windsor – New computer purchased, \$170. Ray made mount for cooling fan. The old computer is working with the new fan! The new computer is a spare.

January Christmas Party – Perhaps 1st or 2nd week in January? Check your calendars. Perhaps we can finalize this next meeting?

ARRL Membership – Get form from Paul Pe for new or renewal membership for Club kickback.

Golden K – They meet 8 AM on Wednesdays – always looking for speakers.

Misc – APRS is at Jerry's house. It would have a wider coverage at Ski Brule, but would require additional gear.

Items to keep in mind –EME ideas being collected / Paul Pe – our 501c(3) is “Pending” / ARRL membership kickback. / Christmas Party? / Ray mentioned that the Robotics is now a 501©(3) incorporated. They are hoping for 10 kids this year! Volunteer helpers are invited to contact Ray.

Adjourned – 7:04 pm – motion by Ray

Respectfully submitted, Dan Waters, AA9JG