

Iron Range Amateur Radio Club

February 18, 2025

11 People Present – Dan Waters, AA9JG; Paul Penkivech, W8YNY; Jerry Ward, KA8FEF; Steve Rhoades, KE8QJW; Ron Brattrud, N9LHE; Tony Campion, KC9SZW; Kurt Markkola, KE7HEV; Ray Guzowski, KE8OBV; Scott Strom, KE8GUB; Abigail Davis; Gene Byrge *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 2025 - – \$24 for the year (send to Paul Penkivech, PO Box 234 Gaastra, MI 49927) Kathy Thompson, KE8YXA; Dan Waters, AA9JG; Bob Newman W5RHN; Franziska Hancock, K5FRN; John Mastie, N8OK, Kelly Mastie, KC8LNI; Jerry Ward, KE8FEF; Mike, KA9RAB, and Sandy, KE8DQS Nies; Steve Rhoades, KE8QJW; David, KF7CSV and Sandee, KA9UNA Schumacher; Ray Guzowski, KE8OBV; Scott Strom, KE8GUB; Paul Aldegarie, KD8WVN; Kerry Kirkpatrick, KE8RRY; Ron Brattrud, N9LHE; Lee, KF8AIF and Penny, KF9AIE Bowser; Matt Sybrant, KB0JWR; Paul, W8YNY, and Michaeline, N8OXV Penkivech; Ron Simmons, N8WIS; Joshua Penkivech- KC8MFQ; Jonah Penkivech- RG8U:); John Stachowitz; KC8MFP; Mike, KE8YXJ, Elaine, KE8YXH McBride; Steve Singer, KF8BGC; Tony Campion, KC9SZW; Kurt Markkola, KE7HEV **Associate Members:** From Australia Ross Stokes, VK4SRS; John Morris, VK3NRJ; Dennis North, VK4DWN

5:02 pm Scott led in Pledge to Flag. Asked Dan to lead in an Invocation

Minutes– December 17 as distributed. Motion by Ron to approve. Second by Kurt. Passed.

Treasurer's Report – Paul – Projects, \$510.80; Checking \$638.54; Savings \$2,069.45; Testing, \$90.83; Total \$3,309.62 – Motion by Tony. Second Jerry. Passed. See attached statement from the bank. Paul sent in our tax documents – 990-N

Museum & WIKB – There will be a special event/party/fundraiser in early June. Unveiling of WIKB exhibit (we need to have it completed). We need a forklift or equivalent to get it from Jerry's garage to the museum. 60th Anniversary of Telephone Time.

Tech Test/Class – Going well. We will test March 1, tentatively around 10 am or so?

Website – Coming along. Domain Name will eventually be Irarc.org – cost of ~\$20 / year Bob Barnum has an account that we could share for ~ \$40/year for the website. Ray suggested we have a “Webmaster” to coordinate everything. Paul is building it

for now. Ray made a motion to pay the \$40 + \$20. Second by Kurt. Passed. Paul is doing a great job! The preview looks good!

Golden K – They meet 8-9 on Wednesdays at the Senior Center. Ray volunteered to be a speaker. Dan will help Ray. Anyone else? Tell about Ham Radio? Robotics? Emergency communications? It will be after Ray's Robotics season :-)

ARRL Membership – Get form from Paul W8YNY for new or renewal membership for Club kickback.

Items to keep in mind –EME ideas being collected / Paul W8YNY . / APRS is at Jerry's house.

Adjourned – 5:59 pm – Adjourned – Followed by Tech Class.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Waters, AA9JG



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