

**Keuka Lake Amateur Radio Association**  
**Agenda for September 14, 2011 Monthly Meeting**  
**Pre-Meeting Social Hour: 6 p.m.; Meeting: 7:00 p.m.**  
**Location: Civil Defense Training Center, Rte 54, Bath**

1. Open & Welcome – Roll Call  
Present: Tim Alimossy KC2UTW, John Babbitt WB2SQX, Sue Babbitt KD2AQR, JerriLyn Baker KE2YB, Ralph Baker AA2CJ, Elliott Blauvelt N2OJM, Nancy Bob KS2YL, Ron Boyle K2TJW, Don Campanelli W2AC, Pat Campanelli WB2ABK, Joel Fiske KC2VAW, Fred Groner W2TZ, Bill Hitchcock W9RIM, Bob Hoyt KC2DQV, Jack Kinney KC2VAV, Lucky Kinney, Debbi Koehler KB2WEY, Roy Koehler KB2WXV, Annie Torrey W2AGT, Rick Torrey W2RMT, Dick Walters KC2SBU, Janice White, Jim White KV2W
2. Review and approval of the minutes of the preceding meeting – Report/minutes from previous meeting attached, distributed, emailed. Dick Walters made a motion to accept the minutes with a correction that the Bath repeater is now 7 minutes off, and Ron the 144.675 is the hot spot in Hornell, and it's D-star, seconded by Joel Fiske, motion carried.
3. Reports of Committees
  - a. Webmaster (Ralph Baker) – you send it I post it, need a new webmaster as Ralph is retiring
  - b. Repeater Committee / Repeater Trustees (Ron Boyle, Roy Koehler, Don Whitehead)  
Repeaters are all up and working; digipeater needs an new antenna, which we have. No other issues. We are going to each repeater site before winter. Ron will turn the clock off so it doesn't keep drifting.
  - c. Newsletter (Jack Kinney) – needs pictures of events during the last month. Email to Jack at kinneyenterprises@inbox.com
  - d. Past/Prior Events Committee / Chairperson
    - i. KLARA Hamfest and Follow Up Meeting (Rick Torrey)
      1. 80-100 attendees, consistent with past years
      2. Financial report given \$975 deposited, (includes 2 memberships) expenses \$593.23, net \$345.77 Not growing, but able to manage our expenses (food, etc.) to make it not a losing proposition. Never intended it as a fund-raiser, but to have a good time, socialize.
    3. Followup meeting feedback/ideas:
      - a) Consider giving out free tickets to vendors at local hamfests, one per table/spot, so they bring a paying friend with them. Need to advertise way ahead, like now, for next year's hamfest. Give attendees a card to put on their refrigerator with next year's info.
      - b) Location: Good, but a significant amount of hours and work by a 6-8 people into becoming members of Friends of Howard to use the building for free.
      - c) Rick is stepping down as hamfest chairman. He is willing to work with someone for one year and have them take over for the next time.
      - d) Jack will not be doing the announcements next year, but is willing to loan us the equipment. Need to work on sound – one speaker was too loud on one end, not loud enough on other end. Need to consider additional speakers to keep the volume consistent.
      - e) Talk-in: Joel did talk-in. A few people did come in because they heard the announcement as they were driving down the road scanning the frequency.

- f) Food was good, price was good.
  - g) KLARA Winterfest? Canceled due to work involved in keeping site cleaned up after a winter event.
  - h) Next year's hamfest will be on Saturday, August 11.
4. Steve Ryan, ARRL representative attended the KLARA hamfest
- ii. KLARA Camp-out (Labor Day Weekend – Roy Koehler) – Don Kinney, Jack Kinney, Lucky Kinney, Debbi & Roy, Dick and Ruth, Don Whitehead, John & Sue, Rick & Annie
  - iii. Steuben County Fair (John Babbitt) – Talked to a lot of people, put the word out for ham radio. (Volunteers were: Jack Kinney, Ralph Baker, Don & Pat Campanelli, John & Sue Babbitt, Dick & Ruth Walters) Need to follow up with contacts.
  - iv. Bicycle Event – Tour de Cure August 20 (Ralph Baker) – JerriLyn rode in it, communications were great, course changed and at least one rider got lost, water stations weren't where they were supposed to be.
  - v. Friends of Howard Steak Roast/Gun Raffle (Ralph Baker? Dick & Ruth Walters?) – John & Sue, Roy & Debbi, Dick & Ruth, Ralph & JerriLyn worked
- e. Emergency Communications and Emergency Preparedness Committee / Officer (Don Kinney, John Babbitt) – no report

#### 4. Reports of Officers

- a. President's Report (John Babbitt)
  - i. Congrats to new ham, Sue Babbitt KD2AQR
  - ii. President's Award - Ham of the Year – Roy Koehler
  - iii. President's Award - Appreciation certificate given to Debbi Koehler
  - iv. Summary of events – Field Day, White House Picnic (19), Geneseo Air Show & Special Event Station, Wine Country Classic Boat Regatta, 4<sup>th</sup> Annual KLARA Hamfest, Steuben County Fair, Friends of Howard Steak Roast.
  - v. Pre-meeting social hour next meeting – October 12 – dish-to-pass, if warm enough, we can grill. Watch the weather report and listen to the Sunday night net beforehand.
- b. Treasurer's Report (Roy Koehler)
  - i. Balance is currently \$1989.52, one unpaid bill \$90.70
  - ii. Motion by Elliott, seconded by Dick to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

#### 5. Old and Unfinished Business

- a. Nominations for Directors (7 positions, and recommendations for officers, which are 4 of those 7 positions) Nominees thus far:

John Babbitt	Jack Kinney	Rick Torrey
Nancy Bob	Debbi Koehler	Dick Walters
Pat Campanelli	Roy Koehler	Jim White
Joel Fiske	Annie Torrey	Sue Babbitt

Jim White made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Dick Walters. Motion carried. Ballots were distributed, and collected. Elected were:

John Babbitt	Nancy Bob	Joel Fiske
Debbi Koehler	Roy Koehler	Dick Walters
Jim White		

#### 6. New Business

- a. WineGlass Marathon – point person needed – October 2
  - i. Elliott Blauvelt – There is no relay but a half-marathon starting at halfway point. Both the relay and half-marathon start at 8 a.m. Registered: 2000 for full marathon, 1000 for half-marathon. Finish line will be re-routed. Will be 2 different colors of numbers. Volunteers: Dick Walters?, Rick & Annie Torrey, Joel Fiske, Jack Kinney, Roy Koehler, Ron Boyle?, JerriLyn Baker, Jim White?
- b. KLARA Field Trip ideas

- i. Pennsylvania Lumberman's Museum in Coudersport, PA – Joel knows this museum, the lumber camp is only open through mid-October.
- ii. Zippo factory

7. Good & Welfare and Upcoming Events

- a. September 15 – ARAST monthly meeting
- b. September 24 – Elmira Hamfest
- c. September 25 – Jack Kinney & Joel Fiske will attend EMComm meeting as reps of IDMH. Ron Boyle will be there re: D-Star
- d. October 2 – Wineglass Marathon (30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) – need a point person from KLARA and volunteer communicators at numerous posts.
- e. October 8/9 – Southern Tier Outdoor festival at Wilkins RV
- f. October 8/9 – Rod & Gun Club event
- g. October 12 – KLARA meeting
- h. November 9 – KLARA meeting
- i. December 4 - KLARA Christmas dinner at Mulheisen's (John Babbitt will contact Mulheisen's) 4 p.m.

8. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m. after a motion made by Annie Torrie, seconded by Nancy Bob.

A very interesting presentation was given by Ron Boyle on Digital Smart Technology for Amateur Radio (DSTAR)

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbi Koehler, Secretary

After the membership meeting, the new Board of Directors met to discuss banking for the new fiscal year and unanimously agreed to keep banking with Five-Star Bank.

The Board of Directors also unanimously agreed on officers:

John Babbitt, President  
Jim White, Vice President  
Roy Koehler, Treasurer  
Debbi Koehler, Secretary

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbi Koehler, Secretary