

Camp Wilderness Amateur Radio Club
Conference Call
June 4, 2013, 6:30 pm

People on the conference call:

Brandon Wehner--KCØEAK, Wayne Stephens--KDØAAA, Les Herbranson--WØLAH,
Barb Herbranson --KØBAH, Andy Kietzman--KDØLOF, Brad Olson--KDØLOI and Bill Jones--NØCIC.

Treasurer's report—Brad reported that the account has no funds at this time. Les said we need to come up with some fundraising ideas to buy replacement equipment. There were no backup radios for the CWARC from the initial gift. If either the controller or repeater goes out, we need to have money to repair them or replace them. To replace the control board for our current repeater would be between \$800-\$900. The Kenwood TKR-750 repeater has a built in control board and is about \$1,440. This is a repeater for HAM radio and is about the same as the Camp radio repeater which is a business band. Les will get more information on the Kenwood TKR-750 but specifically information on the controller, functionality of the controller, and if it is digital or voice.

Grant money may be available. For the Minnesota Skywarn Workshop Operations Grant, a project is needed and the operations grant will provide funds up to 80% of the total project cost, not to exceed \$1,000. We must match or raise the remaining 20% from other sources. The Minnesota Skywarn grant application must be received by July 31st. We need to check with the Hubbard County Emergency manager to find out if there are any HHH or Homeland Security grants available. Wayne will check out to see if anything is available. Brad will check on the Park Rapids fundraising.

Bill didn't think there would be any problem raising \$2,000 if we need to buy another repeater--check with Park Rapids Legion, VFW, Rotary Club, Emergency Communications or County. Brad will check on fundraising with Park Rapids.

Need to check with Chad regarding the Radio Operator strip to see if we can charge a little more for them and then that money goes to our books, or maybe they can donate when they buy the strip.

A new rope was put up with a snap on it. The G5RV from Bill was put up. AM antenna needs to go up on the tower. Bill's question is will it cause interference when used at the same time as the HF or putting the AM antenna on another cross arm. Ethan said the tower was steady at 65 feet.

Should be able to offer all three--Ham Radio, AM station, Short-Wave radios. KCØASA may have some equipment and will determine cost with his wife.

Merit badges for summer--amateur radio option is 3/4 full; broadcast option has 5-6 people per session except week three. There is a 15 capacity on the amateur radio and can then spend about 10-15 minutes on the PICO net. There have been 2-3 new youth operators over the last two years.

Douglas County donated the Kenwood business band radios and mobile radios as well.

Minnesota Repeater Council has coordinated the two-meter frequency for Walker but is not on the air yet and will be operated by the Brainerd Club.

Bill made a motion, Andy seconded, to keep the same officers for next year. Motion carried. Cat O'Keefe has the Tech license and is studying to get the General. There are three operators that are here in camp. There is on-line training by ARRL for VEs.

Brad thanked Brandon for being chair.

Bill made a motion, Barb seconded, to adjourn. Motion carried.