

AARA Minutes for November 7, 2024

Attendance:

Roy Woods KB1WGN
James Jalbert KC1ECV
Jared Hitchcock KC1UBC
Steven Sandelier N1NXU
Steven Vance W1SPV
John Hotelling KC1DRW
Derrick Ouellette KW1A
Leah Potter KC1TAF
Matt McCready AC1OX
Jane Mountain KC1SNY
Dave Berry KV1S
Randy Norris KC1TMW

Treasurer's Report:

Interest \$0.61
Cash \$138.00
Balance \$3,562.90

JOTA – Steven Vance

Matt Harris, Dave Berry and Steven Vance attended the Boy Scouts JOTA. Matt setup his portable station in the parking lot of the Methodist Church and taught the scouts about amateur radio. Several scouts made initial steps towards a merit badge. Dave Berry brought in several radios and discussed their use with the scouts. Steve Vance took two groups to his shack and made contact with a JOTA group in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. They got to see a working shack with different radios, maps, etc.

EMCOMM – James Jalbert

ARES did some work with Winlink

On Halloween, the ARES group patrolled the city of Caribou assisting the police in monitoring activity.

Safety – John Hotelling

John discussed examining Lithium ion batteries for swelling and heat... sure signs of a possible fire.

New Business

Waiting on parts for the new radios needed to connect the Madawaska repeater.

Houlton has grant money to upgrade the repeater.

A grant has been received to connect the Madawaska repeater to Fort Kent.