North Bay Amateur Radio Club 2017 Hike for Hospice SMEAC 07 May 2017

Situation:

Nipissing Serenity Hospice (hereafter the 'organizers') will be holding their second annual 'Hike for Hospice' fundraiser on 07 May 2017, at Laurier Woods in North Bay.

Mission:

In support of the event organizers, the North Bay Amateur Radio Club will have licenced radio operators in attendance to provide two-way voice communication via radio between field locations and the event start/finish area.

Execution:

NBARC's primary task is that of voice radio communications between checkpoints on the hike circuit and the base station located at the start/finish area.

Communications plan:

- Primary communication will be on VHF, via the ERX repeater. 147.030+, PL 107.2
- Remember to pause briefly after keying the your mic and before speaking to allow the repeater to key up. Keep messages brief and to the point.
- **Tactical call signs** will be used throughout the event. The operator at the start/finish will be referred to as "BASE". Checkpoints will be numbered: CHECKPOINT 1, CHECKPOINT 2, etc. Any roving operators will be "ROVER". Call signs will be assigned the morning of the event.

Emergencies

• Should you have an emergency, or need to relay an emergency message, identify this to all operators by using the word "EMERGENCY". You will be given priority over air time.

Backup communications

• In the event of a repeater failure, try contacting 'BASE' on VHF simplex 146.52.

Administration / Logistics:

- There will be a **pre-event meeting at 09:30** in the parking lot at the end of Brule Street.
- The hike itself starts at **11:00**, and most participants are expected to be clear by 13:00
- The organizers are providing trail marshals where able, as well as a sweep at the end of the event.
- A complimentary **meal** will be provided to event volunteers. As always however, you are ultimately responsible for your own dietary and medical needs, so **come prepared**.
- One **parking** spot has been assigned in the start/finish area for our base station and vehicle (Drew's van). Everyone else parks in one of the designated lots.
- Please come dressed appropriately. The weather is forecast to be cold and wet all day, with snow and strong winds. If you have one, please wear your **blue reflective vest** overtop your outer garments, along with your club ball cap if desired.
- Please bring your own **chair** or other seating arrangements.

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Command and control:

- Lori (VE3LOR) "ROVER 1" is running the event for NBARC, and will be roving.
- Lori's alternate is Drew (VE3MAF) "BASE", who will be located at the start/finish
- The event organizer is Dr. Sabrina Guistra, located at the start/finish.

Event end:

Comments and suggestions on this document or event function are welcome. Please note on this sheet and hand into Lori when you check in with her before you leave.

