

BLACK RIVER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2011

Call to Order – Ryan Alderman, KD8GLE called the club meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Bangor Alternative Education Building. Eleven members were in attendance. Everyone present signed a roll sheet and a quorum was established.

Secretary's Report –

- The March meeting minutes were distributed. Paul Reissmann, WD8MWT moved that the minutes be approved as presented.
- Second by Tom Haselberger, KD8DMB. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – John Utter, KC8OFT

- The amount of \$683.74 is in the checking account.
- Motion by Paul Reissmann, WD8MWT to accept the report. Seconded by John Helm, WA8PRJ. Motion Carried.
- Scott Garvison, KA8JNO reported that because of a pending change in Bangor Public School personnel, he was able to pay only a portion of the rent for the use of the classroom. He will pay the remainder when the new person takes over.

Equipment Report – John Helm, WA8PRJ

- The 440 repeater is now back on the air and working. Thanks to Bill Hughey, KB8CRR for making repairs and to Ryan, KD8GLE, John, WA8PRJ and Nick, KD8JBG for re-installing it at the repeater site.
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ARES/RACES/SKYWARN – Paul Reissmann, WD8WMT

- No meeting was held this morning because Al Svilpe was out of town.
- With 69 attendees at the recent Skywarn training there are now over 120 people now on the Skywarn List.
- Paul mentioned that ARRL is changing insurance carriers for their equipment and liability insurance programs.
- Paul encouraged RACES members to complete the online 700 series training.
- Paul announced that the next meeting will be Saturday May 14th at the County EOC.

Old Business

- The pursuit of ARRL Club Affiliation was tabled until after the new insurance program goes into effect.
- Nick, KD8JBG provided an update on the Trailer Work Bee. The generator was exercised. A game plan for future work has been developed. It was noted that the power to the trailer was not working today, Scott, KA8JNO has contacted the Bangor Fire Department and it will be checked on Monday April 11th. Another Work Bee was set for Saturday April 30 starting at 2:30PM.
- Field Day was discussed. John, KD8OFT has received permission from the Lawrence Village Council for use of the Park for Field Day.
- Nick, KD8JBG will be responsible for inviting various media and politicians to cover and/or attend the event.
- Paul, WD8MWT will extend an invitation to the Blossomland ARA membership to join us for operating and fellowship.
- Food will be pot luck with the following providing food as indicated; Ed, KI8Z - hot dogs and burgers, John, KC8OFT - Ice and tea, John, WA8PRJ - Regular Pop, Paul, WD8MWT - Diet Pop, Tom, KD8DMB - Buns and Nick, KD8JBG - Cole Slaw and Potato Salad.

New Business

- Don, KC8HVQ and Donna, KC8DPP asked the club to again provide communication for the Trailblazer Bicycle Ride on May 7th on the Kal-Haven Trail. The SMART Club will handle Kalamazoo County. The SMART Repeater (147.040) will be used for Net Control. Ryan, KD8GLE will Take Ecomm 1 to South Haven, John, WA8PRJ will Take Ecomm 2 to Grand Junction, Donna, KC8DPP will be at Bloomingdale, Paul will be at Kendall. Registration starts at 7:00 AM and all Stations should be operating by 8:00 AM. Additional and relief operators will be needed, check in on the weekly nets for updates and on the air the day of the event.
- Nick, KD8JBG reported that a group from a Fox (Transmitter) Hunting Club has offered to provide a presentation to our Club about the equipment and methods used to pursue this activity. It was decided to have Nick attempt to set this up for the July Meeting.
- Adopt-A-Highway trash pick-up will be April 16th at 9:00 AM at the Port of Call Trailer Park on M-43. Help is needed as several of the "regulars" from years past are not available, If there is a steady rain, the pick-up will be canceled.
- Scott, KA8JNO reminded members that the SMART Club is sponsoring a Bus Trip to the Dayton Hamvention on May 21st for \$100 which includes breakfast, supper and a ticket to the Hamvention. Several BRARC members are planning to go.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Scott, KA8JNO to adjourn, Second by John, KC8OFT motioned carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Present

John Utter - KC8OFT

John Helm - WA8PRJ

Steve Foster - KD8IRV

Paul Reissmann – WD8MWT

Ed Alderman – KI8Z

Ryan Alderman – KD8GLE

Nick Roush - KD8JBG

Tom Haselberger - KD8DMB

Scott Garvison – KA8JNO

Donna Stahlbaum - KC8DPP

Donald Stahlbaum - KC8HVQ

Submitted by Ed Alderman – KI8Z – Secretary