

BLACK RIVER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
March 12, 2011

Call to Order – Ryan Alderman, KD8GLE called the club meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. at the Bangor Alternative Education Building. Nine members were in attendance. Everyone present signed a roll sheet and a quorum was established.

Secretary's Report –

- The January meeting minutes were distributed. Scott Garvison, KA8JNO moved that the minutes be approved as presented. Second by Paul Reissmann, WD8MWT. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report – John Utter, KC8OFT

- The amount of 635.74 is in the checking account. John reported that he had received two additional member's dues payments.
- Motion by Bob Swicker, KC8NLP to accept the report, seconded by Paul Reissmann, WD8MWT. Motion passed.
- Several members present donated cash to pay for rental of the meeting space at the Bangor School for the remainder of the year. We are now being charged \$10.00 for each time we use a classroom.

Equipment Report – John Helm, WA8PRJ

- The 440 repeater is still at Bill Hughey's place waiting for repairs to be completed. Ryan, KD8GLE and Nick, KD8JBG helped Bill with troubleshooting last month.
- Scott, KA8JNO reported that he had received word that the software for the Echo Link system had recently been upgraded by John S.
- Scott, KA8JNO also reported that he had received five donated computers from a company that he does work for which will be used in the trailers. Monitors (preferably flat screen) and keyboards are needed for these.
- Nick, KD8JBG reported briefly on insuring equipment and ARRL Club affiliation, More information is needed.
- The need to get up to date equipment inventories was discussed.

ARES/RACES/SKYWARN – Paul Reissmann, WD8WMT

- No meeting was held this morning because the Skywarn training was held at the Lawrence Conference Center. Sixty-nine people registered for the training, many of them were first time attendees.
- Paul announced that the next meeting will be Saturday April 9th at the County EOC.

Old Business

- The proposal for a Special Event Station to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant was discussed. As we have heard nothing recently from Duffy who had brought the idea to the club, no action was taken.
- Scott, KA8JNO reported that he had submitted the required information update to the Michigan Repeater Council.

New Business

- Nick, KD8JBG reported on the possible loss of the Amateur Band allocation at 440 MHz included in House Bill 607. He encouraged all those interested in saving this band to go to the ARRL website at arrl.org and view a proposed letter for contacting your Representative to oppose this legislation. For most club members that would be Fred Upton.
- After discussion it was decided to hold a Work Bee at the Club Trailer (E Comm 1) on Saturday March 26th from 2:00 - 5:00 PM at the Bangor Fire Department.
- Following a brief discussion, Paul, WD8MDT moved that the Club hold Field Day in the park in Lawrence again this year. Seconded by John, WA8PRJ. Motion Carried. John, KD8OFT will contact the Lawrence Village Council to secure the needed permission.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Bob, KC8NLP to adjourn, Second by John, KC8OFT motioned carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Present

John Utter - KC8OFT
John Helm - WA8PRJ
Bob Swicker – KC8NLP
Paul Reissmann – WD8MWT
Ed Alderman – KI8Z
Ryan Alderman – KD8GLE
Nick Roush - KD8JBG
Tom Haselberger - KD8DMB
Scott Garvison – KA8JNO

Submitted by Ed Alderman – KI8Z – Secretary