

# BLACK RIVER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

**Call to Order** – Ed Alderman KI8Z

**Date:** 4/9/22

**Time and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 19:05

**Meeting Location:** Bangor Fire Dept

**Members Present: 18**

Announcements from Ed KI8Z:

- New hams licensed and upgrades at test session in Dowagiac this morning.
- Paul Reissman in hospital

**Secretary's Report** – Anthony Gettig N8VOX

Motion to approve: Ryan

Seconded by: Scott

Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Nick Roush KD8JBG

Reported a current Balance of \$ 3,088.32

Motion to approve: Ryan

Seconded by: Mike

Motion carried.

**Equipment Report** – Scott Garvison K8JNO

**ARES/RACES/SKYWARN** – Mike Greis KD8GTX

- Net meeting April 11, 2022 at EOC in Paw Paw
- Ham in a day class at BCPD by CERT on May 7, 2022
  - \$15 to VE
  - \$35 for FCC license
- Statewide AUXCOMM exercise on Friday April 29 at 23:55 on Winlink and email, ending Monday morning.
  - Can operate from home, EOC, wherever.
  - Go to [winlink.org/winlinkexpress](http://winlink.org/winlinkexpress) for more info

## Old Business

Bank account update

- Nick doing 990 form has been filed with the PO Box address.
  - A: Nick to look at filing info with state, including new address.
- Changing addresses for proof to Huntington.

Repeater update

- Use all or part of \$500 grant from George Hooper Jr. toward repeater?
  - A: Send a thank you note in the future to George Hooper Jr.
- A: Scott will call to see about sending a check for payment.

Liability insurance – currently via Rocky Johnson, local agent

- Limit: \$1M for each, damage to premises \$50k, medical \$5k
- Premium: \$266 annually
  - A: Ed read the policy and the policy appears to cover members acting

on behalf of the club. (Basically indemnification.)

Who has control of the repeater tower?

- City of Bangor
  - o A: Dick Monroe owned, he died, and City of Bangor took ownership.
- Luke Konig bought the tower on the other side of the pavement.
  - o A: Luke said he would connect us to the Internet. Owner of Horizon Internet.

### **New Business**

- Modify bylaws Indemnification for board members
  - o A: Insurance policy provides indemnification for all members acting on behalf of the club.
- Discussion of changing dates of board elections
  - o A: Board to draft amendment to the bylaws to change the election of officers to nominations in September and elections in October with offices assumed in January.
  - o A: Nick suggests bylaws amended to not let new members vote until the following meeting, unless they are a lapsed/renewing member.
- NEW: Dave Miller AD8GB asks if we have a current roster of paid members.
  - o A: Nick will compile the latest roster.
  - o A: Frank with comments on how BARA handles this.
  - o A: Mike KD8GTX suggests the board do a complete review of the bylaws.
    - Nick will send a Word copy of the bylaws to the executive board prior to the next EB meeting.
- Field Day talk
  - o Lawrence again? Need to determine location by May meeting.
    - A: Matt N9JXR suggests in the middle of nowhere.
    - A: Scott K8JNO suggests at the repeater site.
    - A: Ed KI8Z says we need to set a place by the next meeting.
  - o Schedule a work day on trailer.
    - Saturday May 14, 2022 at 3 PM.
    - Check with Sherriff Dept on availability of trailer.
- Car show for kids in Mattawan on May 30.
  - o Club to participate?
    - A: Approximately 6-7 hams are available.
    - A: Roughly 4 hours of representing the club.
- Set date for trash pickup.
  - o Primary and backup.
    - A: Primary date 4/23 at 10 AM, backup date 4/30.
- Program coordinator appointment?
  - o A: Scott K8JNO volunteers.
  - o Format: preso for 45 minutes, break, business mtg.
- Ham in a day?
  - o Limit to 10 people.
  - o Working group for conducting the class:
    - Dave, Frank, Andy, Scott, Ed
- NICK: IRA June 4 8am-12n at Hudsonville Fairgrounds. Testing session at 10 AM.

**Meeting Adjourned: 20:33**