

BLACK RIVER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order – Dean Weurding, KE8TVR

Date: 01/11/20225

Time: 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting Location: Bangor Fire Station

Members Present: 15 members and guests present

Secretary's Report – Ed Alderman KI8Z

- The November 2024 meeting minutes were emailed to members. There were no additions nor corrections. Motion by Dave, AD8GB to approve, Seconded by Wayne, N8UC. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Jim Cady, N8JVC

- Jim, N8JVC reported a current Balance of \$2719.86. No questions nor comments. Motion by Nick, KD8JBG to approve. Seconded by Jason, KE8VRW. Motion carried. After discussion Jim stated he would like to add an online payment option to the Club Website (www.blackriverarc.org) and reminded members that a Membership Application is included on the website which can also be used to update personal information. After discussion, there was a motion by Frank, AD8BU to make this addition, seconded by Jason, KE8VRW. Motion Carried. Jim also reported that the club checking account would be moved to PNC Bank soon.

Equipment Report – Scott Garvison K8JNO

- Reported that the VHF and UHF repeaters are operating well at present. The possibility of adding Echolink and similar features to the VHF repeater. Frank, AD8BU will work with Scott to complete this work.
- Scott, K8JNO reported on the costs and types of 12V DC power receptacles to be added to the communications trailer. He did not a complete proposal present. Ed, KI8Z moved to provide Scott with a \$200.00 budget to complete the project. After discussion Ed withdrew the motion without further action.
- Scott, K8JNO suggested that the club consider purchasing inexpensive VHF/UHF H.T.s to give to new members to help them get started in h hobby. There was discussion and the matter was tabled at this time.

ARES/RACES/SKYWARN – Mike Greis KD8GTX

- December 2024 Activity Report- 45 Exercise Hours, 12 Exercise and training sessions. ARES Members: 1

Old Business

- The issues of the Communications Trailer, including Battery Shutoff Switch, lights, wiring, were discussed. There was a motion by Jim, N8JVC to form a committee to evaluate the needs, develop a plan, a

budget and time schedule to complete these projects. Seconded by Gale, W8GDS. Motion Carried.

- A committee consisting of Scott, K8JNO, Frank, AD8BU, Jason, KE8VRW, Rudy, K8SWD and Gale, W8GDS was formed.
- Jim, N8JVC offered to work with Scott, K8JNO to complete an Equipment inventory
- The best way to power the trailer with the club generators was discussed. Nick, KD8JBG volunteered to evaluate the generators and suggest how best to supply power to the trailer.
- The use of the old Navy light set trailer and mast was discussed. It may be possible to install one of the Generators in that trailer. If the trailer is going to be used, new tires should be purchased. Ed, KI8Z will check the tire size.

New Business

- Dean, KE8TVR suggested the club do more to encourage participation and membership. The use of social media was discussed. Ed, KI8Z will add the Club Website URL to the Preamble of the weekly Club Net.
- Winter Field Day was discussed. It was noted that the Blossomland ARA has participated for several years and would welcome others to join them. The dates are 1/25-1/26. Additional information is available on our club web page or by contacting Frank, AD8BU
- ARRL Field Day (June 28-29, 2025) was discussed briefly. The use of the Lawton School site was discussed. Members were asked consider possible sites and be prepared to discuss further at the March meeting.
- The issue of Emergency Communication management was discussed again. The possibility of developing club protocols and procedures was suggested. No action was taken.
- The next meeting will be our traditional Ladies Appreciation Night. This is a time to show the YLs our appreciation for their understanding and support for our hobby. We will meet at the BigT in Lawton at 5:00 PM on Saturday February 8th. All are welcome even if you don't have a YL available! Please RSVP to Ed, KI8Z by 1/31/25 if you plan to attend (how many attending) so we are sure to have enough reserved space.

CLOSING The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.