

BLACK RIVER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order – Ed Alderman, KI8Z

Date: 03/08/2025

Time: 7:05 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting Location: Bangor Fire Station

Members Present: 10 members and guests present

Secretary's Report – Ed Alderman KI8Z

- The January 2024 meeting minutes were emailed to members. There were no additions nor corrections. Motion by Frank, AD8BU to approve, Seconded by Jim, NJVC. Motion carried.
- There are Minutes for February as No Business was conducted at “Ladies Appreciation Night.” (02/08/25)

Treasurer's Report – Jim Cady, N8JVC

- Jim, N8JVC reported a Checking Account Balance of \$3084.63 and \$0.00 cash on hand as of 2/28/25.
- He presented a detailed printed report for January 2025. No questions nor comments. Motion by Ryan, KD8GLE to approve. Seconded by Jason, KE8VRW. Motion carried.
- Jim also presented a detailed printed report for February 2025. No questions nor comments. Motion by Jason, KE8VRW to approve. Seconded by Ryan, KD8GLE. Motion carried.
- Jim also reported that a change of the Club Bylaws to change the timing of officer elections would make filing government forms simpler. He will bring a formal proposal later.
- Jim reported that he has added 5 new members to the roster.

Equipment Report – Scott Garvison K8JNO

There was no report as Scott was absent

ARES/RACES/SKYWARN – Mike Greis KD8GTX

- February 2025 Activity Report- 63 Exercise Hours, 21 Exercise and training sessions. ARES Members: 1 (Note this report was emailed after the meeting)

Old Business

- The issues of the Communications Trailer, including Battery Shutoff Switch, lights, and wiring will be addressed when weather improves.
- Nick, KD8JBG as absent and has not submitted suggestions relating to the generators and how best to supply power to the trailer.
- Ed, KI8Z reported he had checked the tire size of the old Navy light set trailer and they are a common 15 inch tire. (Note: BF Goodrich P215/75 B 15 Belted Radial)
- Echolink / Allstar implementation - No Report
- Equipment Inventory – No Report

New Business

- ARRL Field Day (June 28-29, 2025) was discussed briefly. The use of the Lawton School site was discussed. Motion Jason, KE8VRW to hold Field Day at the Lawton School site. Seconded by Jim, N8JVC. Motion Carried.
- Club participation in the Michigan QSO Party was discussed with the following options considered;
 1. Set up the trailer for club participation.
 2. Participate individually
 3. Set up as a POTA Activation & Participate in MIQP
 4. Join AD8BU somewhere in Cass County

No decision was reached and the matter will be discussed on the weekly net.

- The topic of severe weather nets was discussed and it was the consensus of those present that only Mike WD8GTX, EC would Operate Severe Wx nets until those wishing to participate had completed training and a list of trained spotters was compiled. Members were encouraged to use the meeting agenda list and the club website as a guide. Additional links are listed on the BRARC Website: www.blackriverarc.org.
- The Adopt-A-Highway spring trash pickup will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday April 5th starting at the Port of Call Trailer park on M-43 at Jericho Corners (across from the Dollar General Store)
- Frank, AD8BU reported that there are Hamfests coming up on;
April 12th at the Salem Township Library in Allegan Co.
April 19th at the Fairgrounds in Centreville.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday April 12th at 7:00PM at the Bangor Fire Station.

CLOSING The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.