

# **BLACK RIVER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to Order** – Dean Weurding, KE8TVR

**Date:** 04/12/2025

**Time:** 7:05 PM

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Introductions** of members and guests

**Meeting Location:** Bangor Fire Station

**Members Present:** 12 members and guests present

## **Secretary's Report** – Ed Alderman KI8Z

- The March 2024 meeting minutes were mailed or emailed to members. There were no additions nor corrections. Motion by Frank, AD8BU to approve, Seconded by Gale W8GDS. Motion carried.

## **Treasurer's Report** – Jim Cady, N8JVC

- Jim, N8JVC reported a Checking Account Balance of \$3084.63 and \$0.00 cash on hand as of 3/31/25.
- He presented a detailed printed report for March 2025. No questions nor comments. Motion by Wayne, N8UC to approve, Seconded by Gale, W8GDS. Motion carried.
- Jim also reported that the planned change to PNC Bank continues to be pending Michigan LARA BRARC Officer update.

## **Equipment Report** – Scott Garvison K8JNO

- Dean, KE8TVR provided a report as Scott was absent. We need to find a new location to store the Trailer. Suggestions include the Rod and Gun Club East of Bangor or the Bangor Fire Department. Neither of these are indoor settings. No decision was reached, anyone with suggestions are asked to provide them to Scott, K8JNO. Ideally a site would, be accessible, allow work to be done on site and have electrical power available. The possible need to change/replace our current internet connection at the repeater site was discussed, this will be revisited if it actually becomes needed. Again, ideas and suggestions are welcome. Repeaters are performing well. Some reports of problems during windy days on the VHF machine. Jim, N8JVC moved to approve this Report, Seconded by Gale, W8GDS. Motion Carried.

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

- March 2025 Activity Report- 65 Exercise Hours, 18 Exercise and training sessions. ARES Members: 1. A Van Buren County Skywarn exercise was held on 3/19/25.

## **Old Business**

- The issues of the Communications Trailer, including Battery Shutoff Switch, lights, and wiring will be addressed when weather improves.

- Rudy, K8SWD reported on the purchase of Stakes and tie downs for the Canopy, the Need to rewire the Trailer Battery Charge/Load connections and several possible options for operating position power connections.
- Echolink / Allstar implementation - Pending
- Equipment Inventory – Pending
- Moving the Club Website to a new host is pending the change of banks.
- As ARRL Field Day (June 28-29, 2025) will be held at the Lawton School site, Volunteers are needed for the FD Committee. This will be addressed at the May Meeting.
- Ed KI8Z reported that 5 members participated in the Adopt-A-Highway trash pick-up, with 15 Bags being collected.

### **New Business**

- Club participation in the Michigan QSO Party will not occur. Members were encouraged to participate individually.
- BRARC Skywarn severe weather will be conducted after a list of trained spotters is compiled. Members interested in participating should contact Dean, KE8TVR. Training sites are listed on the BRARC Website: [www.blackriverarc.org](http://www.blackriverarc.org).
- Frank, AD8BU reported that there is a Hamfest coming up on April 19th at the Fairgrounds in Centreville. VE Testing is scheduled at 9:00 AM.  
Dean, KE8TVR discussed and displayed a homebrew portable 2 meter beam antenna he recently constructed. He also led a discussion related to D-Star operations.  
Dean also reported that a POTA Meet-up is scheduled for 6/7/25 at the Fort Custer Recreation Area. Details can be found @ <https://www.michiganpotameetup.com/>
- The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday May 10th at 7:00PM at the Bangor Fire Station.

**CLOSING** The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.