

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

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

**Date:** 05/10/2025

**Time:** 7:00 PM

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Introductions** of members and guests

**Meeting Location:** Bangor Fire Station

**Members Present:** 9 members and guests present

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

- The April 2025 meeting minutes were mailed or emailed to members. There were no additions nor corrections. Motion by Frank, AD8BU to approve, Seconded by Ryan.KD8GLE. Motion carried.

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

- Jim, N8JVC reported a Checking Account Balance of \$3084.63 and \$20.00 cash on hand as of 4/30/25.
- He presented a detailed printed report for April 2025. No questions nor comments. Motion by Ryan =, KD8GLE to approve, Seconded by Frank, AD8BU. Motion carried.
- Jim also reported that the planned change to PNC Bank can now be completed as Michigan LARA has completed the BRARC Officer update.

- **Equipment Report** – Scott Garvison K8JNO
- Dean, KE8TVR provided a report as Scott was absent. We still need to find a new location to store the Trailer. The trailer is currently located at Dean's QTH. Repeaters are performing well. Scott, K8JNO and Dennis, KR8U recently checked the SWR and determined that it is acceptable. Frank, AD8BU needs information from Scott before he can start the Allstar documentation.

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

- April Activity Report- 40 Exercise Hours, 20 Exercise and training sessions. ARES Members: 1.
- Recent and upcoming training and exercises related to the restart of the Pallasades Nuclear Power Plant were discussed.

## **Old Business**

Dean reported that a POTA Meet-up is scheduled for 6/7/25 at the Fort Custer Recreation Area. This sounds like a fun activity for anyone interested in POTYA. Details can be found @ <https://www.michiganpotameetup.com/>

- Equipment Inventory – Pending Jim, N8JVC plans to start soon.
- Moving the Club Website to a new host is pending the change of banks.

- The issue of BRARC Weather nets was again discussed. Dean, KE8TVR has a list of those interested and is looking for others who would like to be added to the list. The National Weather Service states that The Van Buren County Office of Domestic Preparedness is responsible for SKYWARN coordination for the county. Mike, KD8GTX indicated that those interested could apply for AUXCOMM membership.
- As ARRL Field Day (June 28-29, 2025) is scheduled to be held at the Lawton School site, Volunteers are needed for the FD Committee if there is interest in having a Club participation in the event. Nick, KD8JBG, Rudy, K8SWD, Dean, KE8TVR and KE8ZEX volunteered to serve on the committee. This will be addressed at the June Meeting.

### **New Business**

- Additional discussion was held regarding the Batteries for the trailer. It appears the batteries purchased last winter have failed and will not hold a charge. Purchasing deep cycle batteries or others was suggested. No action was taken. The need to replace the trailer tires was discussed. Motion by Rudy, K8SWD to authorize Dean KE8TVR to purchase new tires at a cost not to exceed \$750.00. Second by Frank, AD8BU. Motion carried.
- Matthew, N9JXR shared a vintage National Radio General Coverage Receiver from his collection.
- Dean, invited others to bring interesting Ham items/projects to future meetings.

### **Next Meeting**

Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Bangor Fire Station.

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