

BLACK RIVER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Revised: 09/23/2025

Call to Order – President, Dean Weurding, KE8TVR

Date: 09/09/2025

Time: 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Introductions of members and guests

Meeting Location: VBISD Conference Center, Lawrene, MI

Members Present: 13 members present

Secretary's Report – Ed Alderman KI8Z

- The July August 2025 meeting minutes were mailed or emailed to members. There were no additions nor corrections. Motion by Wayne, N8UC approve, Seconded by Anthony, N8VOX. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Jim Cady, N8JVC

- Jim, N8JVC reported a Current Checking Account Balance of \$2390.69 and \$0.00 cash on hand.
- He presented a detailed printed report for August 2025 and updated equipment inventory. No questions nor comments. Motion by Aaron, KE8ZEX to approve, Seconded by Hank, WV8BIN. Motion carried.

Equipment Manager's Report – Dean Weurding, KE8TVR

- Dean, KE8DVR reported that the internet connection to the repeater seems to be stable at present. Alternate methods of providing control were discussed should the current source become unavailable.
- Recent VHF Repeater interference issues were discussed.

ARES/RACES/SKYWARN – Mike Greis KD8GTX

- August Activity Report- 56 Exercise Hours, 20 Exercise and training sessions. ARES Members: 5.

Old Business

- Equipment Inventory – Jim, N8JVC and Scott, K8JNO have completed the inventory.
- Regarding Club Stickers, no additional quotes have been obtained.
- The Communications trailer remains at the Sportsman Club, Dean, KE8TVR has recently checked it and checked/charged the batteries.
- Hank, WV8BIN has provided the tarp to be placed in the trailer for use when needed.

New Business

- Dean, KE8TVR reported that Jason, KE8VRW has organized the Club operation for a Parks on the air operation during the weekend of October 18 & 19 utilizing the Comm Trailer and club call sign. Location to be at the Michigan State Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery near Mattawan. Jason, KE8VRW has registered the club with POTA and established a K8BRC POTA account. Details regarding times, radios, antennas, etc. will be provided by Jason.

- The sale of the club Yaesu FTDX-1000MP, Kenwood TS440 and CDR Rotator was discussed and sealed bid will be accepted and opened at the October meeting. Details and instructions will be posted on the club website and to members via email by Jim N8JVC.
- The draft of a proposed Repeater Use Policy was presented by Dean, KE8TVR. It was decided after discussion that a copy be posted on the website and/or emailed to members for discussion and decision at a future meeting.
- Several revisions to the club bylaws were suggested and a draft of the revised bylaws distributed. Most changes are minor with significant changes being reducing the numbers of trustees, replacing the equipment manager position with a committee and electing officers for two year terms. The proposal will be published to the Club website and/or emailed to members.
- The scheduled election of officers was conducted. There was a motion by Mike, KD8GTX to retain the current slate of officers and trustees. Seconded by Wayne, N8UC. After discussion, and a request from Frank, AD8BU, the motion was amended to retain all of the current slate, except Vice President. Motion carried. Nominations for Vice President were opened with Anthony, N8VOX and Aaron, KE8ZEX being nominated. Aaron received a majority of the votes.
- The Communication Trailer Insurance was discussed. It has been determined that only drivers listed on the insurance policy are covered when towing the trailer. Currently only Scott, K8JNO is listed. If others are willing, have a clean driving record and a vehicle capable of towing the trailer, please submit your name, date of birth, address and Driver's License number to Jim, N8JVC
- The Fall Adopt-A-Highway trash pickup was discussed. Motion by Dean, KE8TVR that BRARC withdraw from the Adopt-A-Highway program. Second by Anthony, N8VOX. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting

- Tuesday October 14, 2025 at 6:30 PM at the VBISD Conference Center in Lawrence which is located at 409 S. Paw Paw Street, just north of the Acapulco Mexican Restaurant

CLOSING The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.