

BLACK RIVER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order – Vice President, Aaron Wiedbrauk, KE8ZEX

Date: 03/09/2026

Time: 6:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Introduction of members including new member; Brian Rockwell, KF8FWS

Meeting Location: VBISD Conference Center, Lawrence, MI

Members Present: 13 members present

Secretary's Report – Ed Alderman KI8Z

- The February 2026 meeting minutes were emailed to members. There were no additions nor corrections. Motion by Scott, K8JNO approve, Seconded by Dean, KE8TVR. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report – Jim Cady, N8JVC

- Jim, N8JVC reported a 02/28/26 Checking Account Balance of \$3,391.22 and \$44.00 in undeposited funds on hand.
- He presented a detailed printed report for February 2026. No questions nor comments. Motion by Anthony, N8VOX to approve, .Seconded by Frank, AD8BU. Motion carried.

Technical Committee Report – Aaron Wiedbrauk, KE8ZEX

- Aaron, KE8ZEX report that the Communication Trailer is ready to be deployed at any time the need arises.
- He led a discussion related to repeater control and internet issues. He plans to hold a Technical committee meeting before the April meeting and report to the club at the meeting.
- **ARES/RACES/SKYWARN** – Mike Greis, KD8GTX
- Mike reported January 2026 activity of 16 exercises & training sessions for 60 hours with 7 ARES members and February 2026 activity of 20 exercises & training sessions for 68 hours with 7 ARES members.
- Mike also reported that there were 4 GLAWN Winlink exercises in January and a SATURN Hospital status Report on 2/11/2026 and a GLAWN Weather Exercise Report on 2/25/2026.

Old Business

- There were no additions to the Winter Field Day report from the February.
- There was no report on the Club 2/21/2026 POTA activation.
- Aaron, KE8ZEX reminded members that there will be a combined BRARC Michigan QSO Party participation/POTA activation on April 18th from noon to midnight. Set up time is to be determined. The current plan is to operate 2 or 3 stations from the Cornish State Game area. It would be possible for someone to activate the Kinney Waterfowl Production Area with the club call at the same time. Aaron provided an outline of the plans to those present and Information has also been provided via email. Please contact Jason, KE8VRW with any questions and let him know if you plan to participate.

New Business

- Aaron, KE8ZEX reported that ARRL Field Day will be held on June 27-28, 2026. He would like to put together group to start planning for the event. Please contact him if you would like to join this group.
- A presentation related to installing the Linex operating system on a computer was presented by Frank, AD8BU

Next Meeting

- Tuesday April 14, 2026 at 6:30 PM at the VBISD Conference Center in Lawrence at 409 S. Paw Paw Street.

CLOSING The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.