

BLACK RIVER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order – President, Dean Weurding, KE8TVR

Date: 05/12/2026

Time: 6:30 PM

Meeting Location: VBISD Conference Center, Lawrence, MI

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members Present: 13 members present

Secretary's Report – Ed Alderman KI8Z

- The April 2026 meeting minutes were emailed to members. There were no additions nor corrections. Motion by Jason, KE8VRW to approve, Seconded by Aaron, KE8ZEX. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report – Jim Cady, N8JVC Absent)

- Written report submitted and reviewed by Jim showing a 04/30/26 Checking Account Balance of \$3,597.39 and no undeposited funds on hand. Motion by Anthony, N8VOX to approve, Seconded by Frank, AD8BU. Motion Carried.

Technical Committee Report – Aaron Wiedbrauk, KE8ZEX

- Aaron, KE8ZEX reported that the network switch has been mounted in the trailer and faulty coax replaced.

ARES/RACES/SKYWARN – Mike Greis, KD8GTX

- Mike reported April 2026 activity of 29 exercises & training sessions for 91 hours with 7 ARES members.

Old Business

- Dean, KE8TVR reported that the club participation in the Michigan QSO Party/POTA activation went fairly well despite poor band conditions. Ninety six contacts were made. (70CW and 26 Phone)

New Business

- Jason, KE8VRW stated that a POTA activation will be held on 5/30/26 at the Bloomingdale trailhead of the KalHaven Trail.
- ARRL Field Day will be held on June 27-28. 2026 and will be held at the Lawton High/Middle School. Scott, K8JNO, Dean, KE8TVR and Aaron KE8ZED volunteered to work on configuring new antennas for the event.
- The need to purchase a multiplexer was discussed. Motion by Jason, KE8TVR to spend up to \$400.00 to purchase a Triplexer. Second by Frank, AD8BU. Motion carried. Jim, N8JVC to purchase.
- The need for a second radio for the trailer was discussed. Rudy, K8SWD reported that Don, AD8II has a IC 7300 for sale. Motion Frank, AD8BU to purchase this radio for \$650.00. Second by Dean, KE8TVR. Motion carried. Jim, N8JVC to purchase.
- Jim, N8JVC reported that he still has a limited supply BRARC Stickers (\$4.00) and Coffee Mugs (\$12.00) for sale. Contact him if interested.
- Jason, KE8VRW suggested that the club register as a Lakes and Lagoons

on the Air (LLOTA) Club and offered to be the coordinator. Motion by Scott, K8JNO to proceed with registration with Jason, KE8VRW as coordinator. Seconded by Jason, W8PBJ. Motion carried.

- Rudy, K8SWD demonstrated an Antenna that he recently constructed.
- The next BRARC Club Breakfast will be 04/23/26 at 8:30 AM at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant just west of Paw Paw on Red Arrow Hwy.

Next Meeting

- Tuesday June 9, 2026 at 6:30 PM at the VBISD Conference Center in Lawrence at 409 S. Paw Paw Street.

CLOSING The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.