

BLACK RIVER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order – President, Dean Weurding, KE8TVR

Date: 11/11/2025

Time: 6:35 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Introduction of members and guests

Recognition of Military Veterans

Meeting Location: VBISD Conference Center, Lawrene, MI

Members Present: 12 members present

Secretary's Report – Ed Alderman KI8Z

- The October 2025 meeting minutes were mailed or emailed to members. There were no additions nor corrections. Motion by Jason, KE8VRW approve, Seconded by Frank, AD8BU. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Jim Cady, N8JVC

- Jim, N8JVC reported a Current Checking Account Balance of \$2267.47 and \$40.00 cash on hand.
- He presented a detailed printed report for October 2025. No questions nor comments. Motion by Jason, KE8VRW to approve, Seconded by Scott, K8JNO. Motion carried.
- Jim also reported that Brian, KF8CUE has joined the club.

Equipment Report – Scott Garvison, K8JNO

- The VHF Repeater experienced a period of low power output which was corrected. The internet connection is currently not working and the provider has been contacted, awaiting a reply. It was mentioned by Frank, AD8BU that the Cass County UHF repeater is a Fusion System.

ARES/RACES/SKYWARN – Mike Greis KD8GTX (Absent)

- No Activity Report available

Old Business

- New BRARC Club Logo Stickers have arrived and are available to members for \$4.00 each.
- No Bids have been received for the club transceivers that are for sale. The minimum bids have been reduced to \$200 for the TS-440 bundle and \$1000.00 for the Yaesu FT-1000MP MkV Bundle. Bids will be accepted from club members until the January 13, 2026 meeting. If there are no bids at that time, bids from non-members will be considered.
- Scott, K8JNO reported that the equipment for the P2P Project has been assembled. Jason, KE8VRW and Frank, AD8BU volunteered to get together and program, set-up begin testing the system. Frank plans to clearly document set-up and program settings. This work will probably be started in late December.
- (Added per Dean, KE8TVR on 11/12/25) Frank, AD8BU has appointed a Technical committee consisting of;
 - Anthony, N8VOX (computers & networking?)
 - Scott, K8JNO (repeaters?)
 - Jason, KE8VRW (POTA?)
 - Dean, KE8TVR (trailer mechanical/electrical?)

New Business

- Dave AD8GB has donated a pop-up canopy to the club which is to be kept in the Communications Trailer. Thanks, Dave.
- Jim, N8JVC has donated BRARC Logo coffee cups to the club which are being sold for \$12.00 each, proceeds to the general fund.
- Nominations for the recently created Trustee position were opened and the following were nominated; Scott, K8JNO (Declined) Hank, WV8BIN, and Wayne, N8UC. By secret ballot Wayne was elected.
- The suggestion to purchase a Yaesu ATAS-120 self-tuning antenna for the trailer was discussed. This antenna is made to work with the club's FT-710 XCVR. Comments were positive. It was decided to table action until after the equipment sale is completed.
- Following discussion, it was decided to purchase a trailer coupler lock for the trailer.
- Anthony, N8VOX has offered to lead some outreach projects to recruit new hams/members. He plans to contact area schools and will be looking for assistance with presentations in the future.
- Jason, KE8VRW proposed a BRARC POTA activation on November 29th at the South Haven Trail Head of the KalHaven Trail. Several members are interested. Jason will work out details and a 9:00AM start time is planned. The Communications Trailer will be used (Wx permitting).
- Winter Field Day (January 24-25, 2026) was discussed. The options of: 1) Group participation, 2) individual participation, 3) Having a group operate from Dean's barn, or 4) joining the Blossomland club in their operation. The consensus was to not have club operation with members making their own plans. This can be discussed further at the January meeting.
- It was decided that there will be no business meeting in December.
- A very interesting presentation on "Fast log entry" was provided by Anthony, N8VOX. A YouTube version of this is available on his YouTube channel and the BRARC Website if you missed it.

Next Meeting

- Tuesday January 13, 2026 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 8:20 PM.