

**BLACK RIVER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 8, 2014**

**Call to Order** – Nick Roush, KD8JBG called the club meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. at the Old Community Education Building in Bangor, MI. Six members and guests were in attendance. Everyone present signed a roll sheet and a quorum was established.

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

- There was a Motion by Ryan Alderman, KD8GLE to approve the January 2014 minutes as submitted, seconded by Paul Reissman, WD8MWT, Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Ryan, presented a report from Samantha, KD8QHM

- There is a current Checkbook balance of \$890.50 and \$20.00 in petty cash. Motion by Paul, WD8MWT to approve the report as presented, seconded by Cindy Alderman, N8GPG, Motion carried.

**Equipment Report** – Paul Reissmann, WD8MWT

- Paul reported that there are no new equipment problems that he is aware of.

**ARES/RACES/SKYWARN** –Paul Reissmann, WD8MWT

- Paul, WD8MWT reported that there was no meeting this morning at the EOC because the Annual Skywarn training is scheduled for Saturday March 15, 2014 from 9:00 AM to Noon. Location to be at the Bangor High School Cafeteria.

**Old Business**

- The possibility of operating a Special Event Station/Ham Radio Demo during Bangor's Train Festival in May was discussed. Ed, KI8Z reported that he has secured permission to use the Call W8T during the event, it was decided to operate from 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM on Saturday May 10. Paul, WD8MWT reported that he had spoken with the owner of the Bangor Elevator building who was willing to allow us to operate from there. The possibility of operating from the park with the Caboose near Harding's was also considered. Details will be worked out in the future. Ed will submit info to QST for publication.
- Cindy, N8GPG reported that she had checked on the progress of the Trailer painting and it has been sanded and was masked and ready to paint.

- Nick, KD8JBG reported that he continues to put together a plan to restore the IRLP/Echo link capability to the repeater via raspberry Pi.

## **New Business**

- Club participation in the Trailblazer bicycle tour was discussed. There is interest and a willingness for us to participate. We believe that this event will be on May 10, same day as the Train event and the Holland Tulip Parade. We can probably provide communication if needed, but last year our efforts to contact the Trailblazers went unanswered. It is possible that they don't feel our services are needed. We will wait to hear from them. Ed, KI8Z reported that he had attempted to get information from the internet but couldn't find anything.
- The recent passing of Dan Cherrone, KA9MRN was noted. Dan who lived in Indiana was the brother of Club members Steve, KF7BRC and Andy, KD8RCM and brother in law to Susan, KD8RCG.
- The April BRARC Meeting will be held on Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Van Buren County Emergency Operations Center. We will have an opportunity to see the Central Dispatch in operation and visit the EOC. If you have not visited the EOC it should be very interesting. Feel free to invite and/or bring guests. The EOC is in the lower level of the Jail and we will enter by the south entrance. The Address is 205 South Kalamazoo Street in Paw Paw. Cindy, N8GPG has offered to bring cookies and Al usually has the coffee pot on. Hope to see a good turn out!
- Motion by Paul, WD8MWT to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Cindy, N8GPG. Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 PM.

## **Present**

Ryan Alderman, KD8GLE  
Ed Alderman, KI8Z  
Cindy Alderman, N8GPG  
Paul Reissmann, WD8MWT  
Matthew May, N9JXR  
Nick Roush, KD8JBG

Submitted by Ed Alderman – KI8Z – Secretary