

June 2021 Meeting Minutes for the KARC/BMRC

The regular monthly meeting of the KARC/BMRC was held on at Thursday, June 10, 2021 at Randall's Restaurant.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by President Rick Johnson, followed by the pledge of allegiance and a prayer. Afterwards, the introduction of club members in attendance took place.

The minutes of the May meeting were made available for review and will be placed on the website. A motion was made and approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Treasurer Neil Weber reported that the club was solvent, and the finances were in good order.

Ken Klotz reported that tower work continues at the repeater site. Presently, materials are available to fabricate concrete forms for the tower base. The old workbench has been removed, and a replacement purchased. There was further discussion regarding wireless internet availability mentioned at the May meeting. In summary, significant progress has been made at the repeater site.

Rick Johnson spoke with Larry Dale who reported that the web site needed a few updates, although the site was up and stable. Rick also said that Dustin, KO4LBE, was doing a fine job as a net control for the Sunday night 2 meter net.

Old Business:

Rick read an email he received from an Eastman representative regarding the current requirements for using one of the rooms at the employee center. The new policy requires that all occupants must be fully vaccinated, and also limits the number of occupants based upon room size. Due to this current policy, KARC/BMRC meetings will continue to be held at Randall's until further notice.

New Business:

Tom Price stated that he would like to hand over his duties as the club's license testing coordinator to any other qualified volunteer examiner. Anyone who would like to assume Tom's role should contact him. The members in attendance expressed their gratitude to Tom for his efforts over the years as the testing coordinator.

Rick said that he had been contacted by Mr. William Cox who is affiliated with the local chapter of the Civil Air Patrol. Mr. Cox was interested in having CAP cadets (ages 12 through 18) attend the club's field day exercise later this month. This would be a good opportunity for the club to receive some positive publicity, as well as possibly recruit some new members.

Several opportunities for club participation over the next few months were discussed.

-Funfest (July 16-23) may again have an event such as the Maker's fair that had several club members demonstrating amateur radio.

-The annual club picnic is planned for August at Eastman Bays Mountain recreation area shelter #3.

-October 3 will again be the Netherland Inn event.

-November will be the time to nominate the slate of club officers for 2022.

-December will be the annual Christmas party tentatively scheduled for Randall's.

The business meeting was closed at 7:05 pm, followed by a short break, and then a planning session for the upcoming ARRL Field Day which will be held at Warrior's Park shelter #3 on Duck island June 26-27.

Submitted by KARC Secretary David Rotenberry, K4DR

