

November 2021 Meeting Minutes for the KARC/BMRC

The regular monthly meeting of the KARC/BMRC was held on at Thursday, November 11, 2021 at Randall's Restaurant.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Rick Johnson, followed by the pledge of allegiance and a prayer. Since today was veteran's day, all veterans were requested to stand and be honored. The club had several veterans in attendance. Afterwards, the introduction of club members in attendance took place.

The minutes of the September meeting were made available for review and will be placed on the website. No minutes were available for the October meeting, as that was a field trip to Bristol Broadcasting. A motion was made and approved to dispense with the reading of the September minutes.

Treasurer Neil Weber reported that the club was solvent, and the finances were in good order. He said that there are now 49 club members, including 3 new for 2022.

Ken Klotz provided an update of the repeater status. He floated the idea of meeting for breakfast at Cafe 93 prior to working at the repeater site Saturday at 10:00 am, and departing for Bays Mountain around 11:30. The work includes installing plywood flooring. He said that internet access at the site is operational, and the road to the repeater site has been improved, allowing easier access. To date \$928.56 has been spent for concrete, and \$159 for other items.

Larry Dale continues to update the website, and plans to add additional technical information such as "How to properly install PL-259 connectors" if there is interest in doing so.

Rick reported that the Sunday night net continues to be up and running. Also, any volunteers for net control positions are welcome.

Old Business

The Netherland Inn Harvest Festival took place October 2 and 3. The special event callsign N4I was used at the event both days from 2:00 – 5:30 pm. A total of 162 contacts was made, including some European stations. The club received a nice thank you card for the \$25 donation made at the event.

Tom Price reported that the National fire prevention week activity resulted in making 20 contacts in 3 hours.

New Business

The slate of nominees for 2022 club officers was presented. These are:

President	Greg Johnson
Vice President	Ken Morris
Treasurer	Phil Alley
Secretary	David Rotenberry, Mary Ellen Broome

Some issues were discussed relative to the club's non-profit status.

Ken Morris has developed a program syllabus for teaching radio fundamentals to the local junior ROTC cadets. There are presently 88 students participating. Greg Johnson indicated that this program has the potential to become the framework for a nationally utilized junior ROTC program

A motion was made and seconded to store the club's radio equipment at Neil Weber's barn.

The business meeting was concluded at 7:05 after a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Due to the length of the business meeting, the scheduled program will be delayed until the January meeting.

Submitted by KARC Secretary David Rotenberry, K4DR