

September 2021 Meeting Minutes for the KARC/BMRC

The regular monthly meeting of the KARC/BMRC was held on at Thursday, Sept. 9 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. Afterwards, the introduction of club members in attendance took place.

The minutes of the July meeting were made available for review and will be placed on the website. No minutes were available for the August meeting, as that was the annual club picnic. A motion was made and approved to dispense with the reading of the July minutes.

Treasurer Neil Weber reported that the club was solvent, and the finances were in good order. He said that there are now 46 club members. Also, Neil thanked the members who have made donations for the ongoing repeater maintenance.

Ken Klotz reported that concrete had been poured for the repeater site tower base, and 5 sections of tower have been erected. The repeater project is progressing, although it was determined that the Wi-Fi modem seemed to be causing interference, and an investigation was underway. To date \$1,037 has been spent on the project, with no anticipation of needing additional funds to complete.

Larry Dale indicated that pictures of the repeater work project have been posted on the website.

Rick reported that the Sunday night net continues to be up and running. Also, net controller positions are available for anyone interested.

The Netherland Inn Harvest Festival will take place October 2 and 3. Special event callsign N4I will be used at the event both days from 2:00 – 5:30 pm.

Rick is planning on contacting Dave Light from WKPT to promote the event on his morning broadcast. Also, a field trip to Bristol Broadcasting is currently planned for the October club meeting.

The Hawkins county radio club is promoting a fundraising event at the Sayrah barn on Sept. 11 from 7 am – 3 pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Ken Morris has organized amateur radio instructional classes for local high school ROTC cadets.

The business meeting was concluded at 6:25 after a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. After a short break, the business meeting was followed by Neil Weber's informative program on tower construction.

Submitted by KARC Secretary David Rotenberry, K4DR