

May 2021 Meeting Minutes for the KARC/BMRC

The regular monthly meeting of the KARC/BMRC was held on at Thursday, May 13, 2021 at Randall's Restaurant and via Zoom.

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 April 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 he has obtained cash from the club for various projects. He said that the club will need to make several trips to the repeater site to complete various projects. One of these projects is the installation of a server cabinet and removal of the existing workbench. This effort will likely require four people. A backup power system for the server is planned and will be installed.

Larry Dale reported that the web site needed a few updates, although the site was up and stable.

Rick Johnson said that the Sunday night 2 meter net was operating with a new net control, Dustin, KO4LBE. Rick also said that David Gulley, KI4AAU had recently been hospitalized, and was now recovering.

New business items:

The club will have a special event HF station operating from 10 – 2 pm May 24th celebrating Bays Mountain Park's 50th anniversary. The event will utilize the club's radio equipment and use the special callsign W4M.

Tom Price said that the FCC now requires that applicants for an amateur license obtain a FRN prior to testing. Tom also mentioned that there will be a special event station (W9IMS) operating from Indianapolis Motor Speedway prior to the race.

Rick Johnson had been contacted by a person involved with a high school project that planned to distribute equipment intended to form a mesh type network used for child abduction alerts. The details were somewhat lacking, but it appeared that if the club was willing to locate one of the units at the repeater site, the club would receive free internet access through a cellular modem contained in the unit. John Williams suggested that if the club decided to move forward with this, a memorandum of understanding between the club and group providing the service be drafted.

Field Day will be held at Warrior's Park shelter #3 on Duck island June 26-27.

The business meeting was adjourned at 6:47, followed by a presentation by Larry Dale on the Parks on the Air activity. Larry also demonstrated his portable HF antenna system.

Submitted by KARC Secretary David Rotenberry, K4DR