

Minutes of the Bluefield, WV's East River Amateur Radio Club via conference call held on April 06, 2020. <http://www.erarc.com>

Local emergency HF freq: 3.860+-5. Skywarn / ARES local simplex freq: 146.53. We normally meet at 704 Bland St. Bluefield, WV. Our backup meeting location is at the Princeton, WV. Burger King. President Matt Morris KC8LGS, V.P. Keith Jennings AD8L, Treasurer Mike Clemons KM4UCR, Secretary George "Hooger" Fisher III W4OF, Webmaster David Lester N8VFR

The conference call started at 700pm. All ERARC officers were online as well as 7 other members. 1-605-468-8007. Pass is our P.O. Box number.

Matt Morris KC8GLS welcomed all to the online meeting. He asked if all other officers were online and they were. He asked for other check-ins and had another 7 members to voice their attendance.

Hooger Fisher W4OF read the minutes of the March 3 meeting in Bluefield and the March 21 conference call meeting. They were approved.

Mike Clemons KU4UMC gave the Treasurer's report. He paid APCO \$13.18, paid \$60.00 for our P.O. Box rental and deposited \$85.00 in dues and donations.

Repeater report: Mike said that he and Jay Belt K8CTI had gone to the '49 and DMR site to try to fix some issues, swapped out some cables and hope that what they did will help. He said that as far as he knew, that the other repeaters were working OK.

Skywarn: Roger Stefancic KC8LGR said that the net is still going well and that they will be on the '49 site on Monday at 0730pm and work the repeater.

(DMR net every Tuesday at 0730pm on local Bluefield talk group 9.)

ARES report: Charles Priest had 7 check-ins on March 19 net and the next net will be on April 16th at 0730pm on the 147.06 repeater.

Volunteer Examiner report: Keith Jennings noted that the next VE test session will be on May 9, presumably at the 704 Bland Street, Bluefield, WV location depending on the Chinese flu that the Country is battling. He had received an email from WV SM Dan Ringer K8WV asking if our VE team would be interested in performing remote testing via SKYPE, etc. to individuals or groups that needed to test. He turned him down for several different reasons.

Old business: Field Day was the topic of the evening and we will go back to Camp Roland in Bastian, Va. for the June 27 event. Keith suggested that we really need 8 members to commit to this endeavor in order to spread the work out. We will wait until the event is closer to discuss seriously. He mentioned the recent ARRL FD comments: <http://www.arrl.org/news/view/field-day-2020-a-time-to-adapt>

New business: none mentioned.

Matt noted that he and the Club extend condolences to the Tickle and Fisher family due to the passing of Ginny Fisher's KF4YBU mother last week.

<<<We are currently accepting dues for the upcoming year. \$15 per Ham and \$1 additional for each Ham at the same address. >>>

The 'to do' list:

- (1) Possible auction/sale on excess equipment at the 911 Center
- (2) The year 2020 is the Club's 60th year of being incorporated. Celebration?
- (3) HF antenna for 80M repair/replacement at the 911 Center
- (4) APRS back on the air
- (5) Echolink back on the air

The meeting was over at 0815pm.

Submitted by Hooger Fisher W4OF, ERARC Secretary. ERARC P.O. Box 1362 Bluefield, WV 24701

*Repeated information here: "Charles Priest KN4OOH was asked about the REMIND DOT COM program. He said that as a music professor, he uses <http://www.remind.com> for notifying his students of changes in meeting times, locations, etc. He said that we can use this free service for Club members to be notified of just about anything. **(To partake in this service, text "@w8mop" to 81010. The system will text you back and asks your name. You can use your name or callsign or both. The system will then text you back and the rest is easy to follow. Your phone number WILL NOT be displayed anywhere.)***

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