

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

Local emergency HF freq: 3.860+-5. Skywarn / ARES local simplex freq: 146.53. We meet at [704 Bland St. Bluefield, WV](#) on the first Monday of each month. Our backup meeting location is at the Princeton, WV. Burger King. President Matt Morris KC8LGS, VP. Keith Jennings AD8L, Treasurer Mike Clemons KM4UCR, Secretary George "Hooger" Fisher III W4OF, Webmaster David Lester N8VFR

The meeting was opened by Matt Morris KC8LGS, ERARC President at 702pm. He welcomed all 12 members and visitor as well as those 3 online via Facebook Live.

Hooger Fisher W4OF read the minutes of the June 1st meeting. They were approved.

Mike Clemons KM4UCR gave the Treasurer's report. He paid APCO \$13.36, \$300 ARRL liability policy and deposited \$160 in dues.

Repeater report: Jay Belt K8CTI said that as far as he knew, that the repeaters were working OK. When asked about plans for antennas for the 704 Bland St. location, Nelson Linkous WZ8E and Jay both had suggestions. Nelson has an HF antenna that his father will have available and Jay suggested that we purchase a \$150 Alpha Delta HF antenna. Discussion. Gary Kadar N8GK made a motion, seconded by Charles Priest KN4OOH to purchase the antenna. A vote was taken, the motion passed. Jaiden Borich K4NFP gave a summation of his 442.65 pl 103.5 repeater in Nemours. He needs more height in order to get his signal out of the valley there. Henry Shinn KC3KGY offered his 2600' location on a mountaintop in Montcalm, WV. Both Jay and Nelson said that they would help with an Identifier and other needs. Jay mentioned that Don Anderson WD8OOR is still taking care of his wife Connie KB8NMB who is still very ill. Keith said that we need to keep Connie, Don and John Riddle N8RIG in our prayers.

Skywarn: No report via Keith as Roger Stefancic KC8LGR was absent tonight.

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

ARES report: Charles Priest KN4OOH, Mercer County, WV EC, had 8 check-ins on the June net and the next net will be on July 16th at 0730pm on the 147.06 repeater.

Volunteer Examiner report: Keith Jennings noted that the next VE test session will be on August 8 at the [704 Bland Street, Bluefield, WV](#) location. We have plenty of space for social distancing during testing and he had 8 people interested in testing as of June.

Old business: Matt said that he will still step down as President but will consider taking the VP job. Mike Clemons and Hooger Fisher both denied giving up the Treasurer and Secretary offices as of now. The Green Valley Restaurant is opening on July 13.

Gary Kadar worked 20 stations on Field Day and gave a report on his experience.

Matt said that we have a really great group of members in the Club and that we should not judge meeting / activities attendance as a measure of interest in these times of Covid and health concerns.

<<<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 0755pm.

Submitted by Hooger Fisher W4OF, ERARC Secretary. ERARC [P.O. Box 1362 Bluefield, WV 24701](mailto:ERARC@w8mop.com)

*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. )***