

Minutes of the Bluefield, WV's East River Amateur Radio Club meeting held on July 5, 2021 (face to face and via [ZOOM meeting](http://www.erarc.com)) <http://www.erarc.com>

Local emergency HF freq: 3.860+-5. Skywarn / ARES local simplex freq: 146.53. We meet on the first Monday of each month at 7pm at 704 Bland Street, Room 523, Bluefield, WV 24701. 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 at 703pm by Keith Jennings AD8L, ERARC Vice President. He welcomed the 10 members present and the 1 online. (Please keep John Riddle N8RIG in your thoughts and prayers due to his health issues and loss of his son.)

Hooger Fisher W4OF read the minutes from the June 7th meeting, and they were approved.

<<<We are currently accepting dues for the upcoming year. \$15 per Ham and \$1 additional for each Ham at the same address. Download an application from our website if necessary. P.O. Box 1362, Bluefield, WV 24701>>>

Mike Clemons KM4UCR gave the Treasurer's report. He paid APCO \$10.44, WV State Secretary \$25.00 for a WV organization fee and \$300.00 for our ARRL liability insurance policy. He made a \$16.00 deposit from dues. Don Anderson WD8OOR asked Mike if he had been reimbursed for the supplies for the radio room / feedline / etc. at the Bland Street location. He has not and will get a check signed tonight.

Repeater report: Don Anderson said that as far as he knows, they are all working OK. Keith said, "They are there to be worked is someone will work

them,” commenting on the little usage noted. He also said that our repeater systems are just about the best asset we have to offer the public.

DMR: David Sexton AB8D holds this net every Tuesday at 0730pm on the WZ8E 443.625 DMR repeater on the 1354 WV statewide talk group.

Skywarn: Jaiden Borich N4NFP has been running the weekly Monday net at 0730pm on 145.49.

ARES: Matt Morris KC8LGS is the Mercer Co. WV ARES Emergency Coordinator. The local ARES net is on the third Thursday of each month at 0730pm on the 147.06 repeater.

Volunteer Examiner / Elmer report: Keith Jennings. The ERARC ARRL VE team tests quarterly on the second Saturday at 9am at 704 Bland St., Room 523, Bluefield, WV. The next test session will be on August 14, 2021. Gary Kadar N8GK, along with the ARRL, got May’s lost mailing to the ARRL VE finalized. It took over 40 days to award upgrades and new licenses to those attending. The VE team will now scan and email as well as snail mail testing information to the ARRL. The Club could use a scanner for this use. We have computers to use but have to borrow scanner(s) for future use. If you have one for donation, please contact any officer. Thanks. Gary said that the new CSCE will include a statement like ‘the FCC will email the applicant for their \$35 fee’ or something to that effect.

The **ELMER CLASS** meets on the first Saturday of each month at 1PM at 704 Bland Street Room 523 Bluefield WV. Keith and Mike Clemons were the only ones to show up last Saturday.

Field Day: Gary wanted to sincerely thank those that helped him with his 15M setup at FD and thanked Don Anderson for taking care of the food at the potluck dinner. Don said that Jaiden Borich K4NFP worked 20M / 12 contacts, Randall Hash WB4BBF worked 40M CW /130 contacts and Gary made about 20 contacts. Band conditions were initially blamed. Don used his FT-2000 on the tribander but had no luck with contacts. The Club was 4A VA while on the air. -

Hooger mentioned that the local BSA Programs Director, Dan Trent, would like one of us to help him on August 21 for three 35 minute sessions at a Camporee.

He would like to have information on Amateur radio, fun and educational.
Hooger has emailed Jaiden Borich to see if he would be interested.

The meeting was over at 0755pm.

Submitted by Hooger Fisher W4OF, ERARC Secretary. ERARC [P.O. Box 1362](#)
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