

Minutes of the Bluefield, WV's East River Amateur Radio Club meeting held on September 6, 2021 <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 7pm by Matt Morris KC8LGS, ERARC President. He welcomed the 6 members and the three on ZOOM. Jason Perdue N4JHR came from McCoy, Va. for this meeting.

Hooger Fisher W4OF read the minutes from the August 2nd meeting, and they were approved. He gave Mike Clemons dues payments that he had in his possession.

Mike Clemons KM4UCR gave his Treasurer's report. Mike paid APCO \$5.78 and made a \$104.00 deposit from dues. He said that the APCO account has been closed. We received an email just today from Amazon Smile with notification of a \$40.08 deposit.

Repeater report: Don Anderson said that as far as he knows, they are all working OK. The '49 and 444.45 DMR antennas will be placed on the wvva.net tower in the near future. This new site is about 125 feet to the east of the old GTE tower where we had our repeaters placed. Nelson Linkous, David Sexton AB8D and Mike Clemons found that the ERARC DMR information had been deleted from some unknown reason from the Brandmeister database and they managed to re-register the Club with them. That being said, the 444.45 DMR is on the air and working well.

DMR: David Sexton AB8D: Net is every Tuesday at 0730pm on the **W8MOP 444.45** DMR repeater on the 3154 WV statewide talk group. The repeater uses the Brandmeister Network. He asked that anyone that has a DMR radio to check into the net. He noted that there are quite a few checking in and they mostly do come from North America.

Skywarn: The weekly Monday net is at 0730pm on 145.49. David Sexton and Jaiden Borich N4NFP have been running the net recently.

ARES / EC: no more news since the local ARES group has folded.

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 August test session produced a new Technician then General class license to Kenneth Treadway KE8SSQ from Beckley, WV. The next session will be on November 13, 2021 at 9am. Those testing must have a FCC Registration Number and valid email address before testing. The cost to test is \$15 and we will accept cash and check but NO PLASTIC. <https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/support/universal-licensing-system-uls-resources/getting-fcc-registration-number-frn>

The **ELMER CLASS** meets on the first Saturday of each month at 1PM at 704 Bland Street Room 523 Bluefield WV. This class is for anyone that may have questions, comments, etc. it's not just for newly licenses Amateurs. Questions? Call Keith at 304 887 5767 . The past class was canceled due to 'regulars' not being able to attend and the Cov19 uptick.

Old Business: Nomination of Officers for the upcoming year. Elections will be next month. Matt and Keith are stepping down from their respective offices. Mike Clemons has agreed to run for President. David Sexton has agreed to run for Vice President. Hooger Fisher has agreed to continue in the Secretary position. There were no nominations for Treasurer. Discussion.

There is an open call for someone to volunteer to fill the Treasurer's office. One needs to visit the Bluefield, WV post office at least once a month and take care of deposits and payments for the Club. Please consider taking on this position. Please talk it up with other Club members too. Thanks.

New business: Dan Ringer K8WV will be at the next ERARC meeting to meet us and deliver a 60th Anniversary plaque from the ARRL. It has been 60 years that the Club has had affiliation with the ARRL. Dan is the WV ARRL Section Manager and he lives in Morgantown.

The local BSA Mountain Dominion District held a Council-wide Camporee on August 20-22, 2021, at Camp Roland. Matt Morris attended the event on the 21st and gave three informational discussions on Amateur Radio. The Cub Scouts were enthralled with his story of the Titanic and Morse Code. Thank you Matt.

New Business: JAMBOREE ON THE AIR is the weekend of October 16, 2021 and several members tonight said that they enjoyed it in the past and look forward to help demonstrate Amateur Radio.

Since Dan Ringer is visiting next meeting, we need to clean up the meeting room, hang up dry erase boards and cork boards, get the radio room properly setup and presentable, clean some spots in the carpet, and more. Discussion.

We decided to meet this Saturday 0930ish at the ERARC meeting room and commence to clean up / fix up the place.

The meeting was over at 0738pm.

<<<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 needed. >>>

Submitted by Hooger Fisher W4OF, ERARC Secretary. ERARC [P.O. Box 1362 Bluefield, WV 24701](#)