

Minutes of the Bluefield, WV's East River Amateur Radio Club meeting held on October 4, 2021 <http://www.erarc.com>

Local emergency HF freq: 3.860+-5. 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 Mike Clemons KM4UCR, VP. David Sexton AB8D, Treasurer Jay Belt K8CTI, 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 14 members, one guest and 5 on ZOOM including Bud Hippius W2RU, ARRL Roanoke Division Director and Mike Walters W8ZY, ARRL Field Services Manager.

Matt introduced Dan Ringer W8WV, the ARRL WV Section Manager, to those present. Dan took the floor and gave an introduction on his experiences with Amateur radio, his life experiences, and information on the ARRL and how the organization can help us as Hams. He asked who was the oldest and youngest members present. He awarded Don Anderson WD8OOR an ARRL Handbook and Jaiden Borich K4NFP an ARRL Antenna book. He passed out ARRL membership applications which included a free ARRL book if filled out and mailed to his home address in Morgantown, WV. Dan presented the Club with a plaque that congratulates our 60th year of affiliation with the ARRL. He answered questions from the members and then left as he had a 3.5 hour drive home. Mike Walters gave comments to the Club also including a comment that the ERARC was started in 1960 and affiliation made in 1961. (Dan told Keith that he's been to a lot of Ham Club meetings and he is really impressed with our meeting facilities and radio room.)

Hooger Fisher read the minutes from the September 6, 2021 meeting and they were approved.

Mike Clemons KM4UCR gave his Treasurer's report. Mike made a \$242.00 deposit from dues and donations and \$40.08 from the Amazon Smile program. There were no expenditures.

Repeater report: Don Anderson and Jay Belt both said that they know of no problems.

DMR: David Sexton AB8D: Net is every Tuesday at 0730pm on the **W8MOP 444.45** DMR repeater on the 3154 WV statewide talk group.

Skywarn: The weekly Monday net is at 0730pm on 145.49. David Sexton and Jaiden Borich N4NFP have been running the net recently. Participation has been historically low. Please check in.

ARES / EC: Matt talked to Dan tonight concerning a multi-county ARES EC. The ARRL is OK with this scenario.

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 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 attended by Keith and Charlie Hampton K8CEH.

Bud Hippisley W2RU presented his comments concerning Amateur Radio, his ARRL experience and upcoming events. He also congratulated the Club on our 60th year of affiliation. He mentioned that this December marks the 100th Anniversary of the first Trans-Atlantic transmissions and that the ARRL will be having Special Events/unique call signs and suffixes to mark this event.

OF NOTE: We have received mail and notifications from the following concerning their election hopes for the ARRL Roanoke Division Director:

Dr. Jim Boehner N2ZZ <http://www.qrz.com/db/n2zz>

Bud Hippisley W2RU Current Roanoke Division Director <http://hams4roanoke.org>

Marvin Hoffman WA4NC, Current NC Section Manager
<http://www.roanokearrlelection.com>

Old Business: ERARC Elections. Discussion. Matt opened the floor to additional nominations for office. There was one that volunteered for Treasurer. Matt made the nomination of Mike Clemons KM4UCR for President. It was seconded, and an oral "Aye" vote taken. The nomination passed. Matt made the nomination of David Sexton AB8D for Vice President. It was seconded, and an oral "Aye" vote taken. The nomination passed. Matt made the nomination of Jay Belt K8CTI for Treasurer. It was seconded, and an oral "Aye" vote taken. The nomination passed. Hooger Fisher W4OF will keep his Secretary position.

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. Keith Jennings said that he has a new antenna that he'd like to try and Randall Hash had emailed to say that he would like to give a CW demonstration to the Scouts. Matt said that he will try to attend. If you would like to support the Club for JOTA, please be at Boy Scout Camp Roland around 7-8am as the Scouts have their flag raising at 9am. Our participation will be from 9am to 3pm, give or take. <https://www.scouting.org/international/jota-joti/jota/>

The meeting was over at 0758pm.

<<<We are currently accepting dues for the upcoming year. It's \$15 per Ham with an additional \$1 for each Ham at the same mailing address. >>>

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