

Minutes of the Bluefield, WV's East River Amateur Radio Club meeting held on November 1, 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 David Sexton AB8D, ERARC Vice President. He welcomed the 5 other members present. (President Mike Clemons KM4UCR was on his way back to town from a business meeting. We APOLOGIZE that the ZOOM presentation could not take place.) Please keep Don Anderson WD8OOR in your prayers as he recovers from an automobile accident and subsequent surgery. Please keep John Riddle N8RIG in your prayers also.

Hooger Fisher read the minutes from the October 4, 2021 meeting and they were approved.

Jay Belt K8CTI was not present but it was mentioned that there was a \$51.00 deposit. There were no expenditures reported.

Repeater report: Nothing mentioned but that the 145.49 antenna system still needs to be put up on the antenna at the site. Right now, it is spotty getting into it depending on where your transmitter is located. Mike Clemons et. al. are waiting for a good time to get this done.

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: The area needs to find a new Emergency Coordinator to replace Charles Priest KN4OOH who moved to Tennessee.

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. The next class is this coming Saturday, November 6, 2021. 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 classes were attended by Keith and Charlie Hampton K8CEH and Mike Clemons.

Old Business: JAMBOREE ON THE AIR was the weekend of October 16, 2021. Matt gave a report on the event. He and Randall Hash WB4BBF attended and Randall gave a good introduction to Ham Radio and let the Scouts listen to and observe CW as well as talk to others on the HF bands. Matt went home and got his radio and helped to make contacts also. THANKS GUYS! The Ham community appreciates your efforts during the 2021 JOTA weekend.

New business. Discussion took place concerning first impressions that one makes while on the air. Gary Kadar N8GK and others gave examples of how other Hams had talked to them while on the air and how these events could have turned these Hams away from the hobby. "Be kind, think twice; speak once, listen and remember what it was like when you were newly licensed".

We discussed a possible Christmas dinner. It's too late to plan at this point and after other discussions, decided to not have a dinner this holiday season.

The meeting was over at 0745pm.

<<<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. There is a downloadable membership application at our website if needed.>>>

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