

Minutes of the Bluefield, WV's East River Amateur Radio Club meeting held on October 2, 2023
<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.

President Matt Morris KC8LGS Vice President: David Sexton AB8D, Treasurer; Jay Belt K8CTI,
Secretary: George "Hooger" Fisher III W4OF, Webmaster: David Lester N8VFR

(ERARC: no credits, no expenditures PayPal, nothing in or out. THERE WILL BE A BUSINESS MEETING NEXT MONTH.)

The meeting was opened at 0703pm by Matt Morris KC8LGS. There were 16 in attendance and 3 online via ZOOM. The pledge of Allegiance was recited. Matt asked if anything needed to be brought up for the Club. No one spoke about this so the meeting moved on. Matt asked for nominations for ERARC officers for the upcoming year. Berlon Roberts W8ZBR nominated David Lester N8VFR for President. All other current officers agreed to keep their present offices after a suggestion by Brian Blankenship KE8VVA . Voting will take place at the November meeting.

He handed the floor over to Gary Kadar N8GK who gave an informative presentation on Ham Radio Deluxe, a program that can control radios and log and do many other functions to make hamming easier. The program is around \$100 and the company offers updates/upgrades for one year paid. The program is yours once you purchase it. Gary said that it's possible to find the basic HRD online for free, just no updates. www.hamradiodeluxe.com . Gary was given a round of applause.

Berlon Roberts reminds all of us that dues are being accepted for the 2024 year and can be mailed or using PayPal at the www.hamclubonline.com site. Dues are \$15.00 per ham and \$5.00 for each additional member at the same address if by mail. Add \$1.00 processing fee if by Paypal.

Matt welcomed Brett and Ken Duncan, brothers from Wyoming County and Narrows, Va. They are studying for licensure and Berlon let them know that we were here to help them in their endeavors.

The meeting was over by 0803pm.