

Minutes of the Bluefield, WV's East River Amateur Radio Club meeting held on November 4, 2024 <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. Mailing address: P.O. Box 1362, Bluefield, WV 24701

President David Lester N8VFR, Vice President David Sexton AB8D, Treasurer; Jay Belt K8CTI, Secretary: George "Hooger" Fisher III W4OF, Webmaster, David Lester N8VFR, HamClubOnline liaison and VE team leader Berlon Roberts W8ZBR

The meeting was opened at 700pm by Dave Sexton, Vice President. He welcomed the other 9 in attendance. There was one participant via the ZOOM presentation tonight, Henry Miller W3BWN . The Group stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. (Henry Shinn KC3KGY donated the flag, pole and stand.)

Hooger read the minutes of the October 6 meeting and they were accepted.

Treasurer's report: Deposits included \$20.00 from a family renewal. No pay outs from our account or our Paypal account. We are accepting dues for the upcoming year. \$15/amateur, add \$5 for family members. The PayPal link is on our www.HamclubOnline.com link.

Repeater report: Jay: Nothing to bring up. It was mentioned that the roof replacement still has not been performed thus the antennas are not back in place.

Nominations and voting for new officers: David Lester was nominated for President, David Sexton for VP, Jay Belt for Treasurer, and Hooger Fisher for Secretary. No other nominations were made. A motion was made by Gary Kadar N8GK, seconded by John Riddle N8RIG to accept these nominations for office. Vote taken. The motion passed.

Christmas meeting/dinner, 7pm, December 2, 2024. Discussion. Ginny Fisher KF4YBU has agreed to find a place for the event. It was agreed that the Culture Guatemalan restaurant in Bluefield, Va. would be good again. Ginny has asked if we would voluntarily donate our personal monies to the Marine Corp's Toys for Tots program this year with funds earmarked for battery purchases. Discussion. We have been helping the Union Mission in the past. John Riddle suggested that we donate to both organizations.

Volunteer Examiner: Berlon Roberts W8ZBR ERARC VEC. **The next session will be Saturday, Nov 9, 2024**, at 9am at 704 Bland St. Bluefield, WV, room 523. On Aug 10, there were 4 tested, 3 passed.(The VE team must have a copy of your current license if applicable, a photo ID is a must as well as a copy of a CSCE, if applicable. (Those testing must have a FCC Registration Number and valid email address before testing. The cost is \$15 and we will accept cash and check but NO PLASTIC. The new FCC \$35 federal licensing fee must be paid to the FCC, NOT THE ERARC. <https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/support/universal-licensing-system-uls-resources/getting-fcc-registration-number-frn>) The VE team tests quarterly on the second Saturday in February, May, August and November.)

David Lester said that he's working on a public relations project that will educate the public, businesses, etc. about the Club and hopefully get some donations from his efforts. His son is a multi-media graduate and has film experience that can help with this. David thanked all of those

that donated money to the Western North Carolina handheld radio purchase. There were 48 Baefong radios purchased and delivered by him and Jay Belt Airlines.