

ERARC MEETING

October 5, 2026 |

PRELIMINARIES

Meeting began at 7:00 pm. Fourteen people in house and three online Zoom participants were in attendance.

David Lester N8VFR welcomed the group. The pledge to the flag was recited by the group.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The September meeting minutes were read and accepted.

Jay Belt, K8CTI, furnished and read a treasurer's report dated October 5, 2026. Total credits were \$20.00 and debits were \$0.00. Current balance to date is \$4406.58 and balance including PayPal account of \$493.81 totals \$4900.39. We are accepting dues for the coming year at \$20/amateur with \$5 per family members. The PayPal link is listed on the website: www.HamclubOnline.com.

OLD BUSINESS

A Bluewell site for the APRS and Meshcore repeaters is still in the works. Hopefully installed before winter time. A workday is still needed for the 911 Center to install a dipole antenna. ARRL membership for new members and renewals are encouraged through the club resulting in a portion coming back to the club treasury. The club repeaters were online. An inventory of equipment at club headquarters is needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Berlon has advised all VEs to attend the next test sessions to avoid falling out of the ARRL VEC system. The next VE Test Session is November 14, 2026. Marcus Boyd, W4BD, spoke about the special event, W2S, to commemorate the World Series from 10-17-26 to 10-31-26. Marcus is asking for volunteer stations to help run the special event. Operating modes can be SSB phone, CW, FT4 and FT8. Please consult the Google calendar schedule Marcus has created. A night time CW practice schedule still remains to be arranged by Marcus. Details to follow after the special event. The next Tinkering Thursday will be October 15, 2026. Matt spoke about the recent ARES meeting on Thursday October 1st. There was great attendance and interest. The FEMA ICS online courses are encouraged for the participants. The ARES group will coordinate with the Mercer County Office of Emergency Services in Princeton as needed. Matt reminded the group to participate in each Monday Skywarn ARES Net on the 145.49 repeater and the connected 145.25 repeater. Also, nominations were submitted for Dave Lester as President, David Sexton as Vice President, Jay Belt as Treasurer and James Reed as Secretary. Voting is scheduled during the November meeting. It was suggested to have the Christmas dinner at club headquarters. More discussion at next month's meeting. Additionally, contact Jay Belt if interested in the John Riddle, N8RIG (SK), ham equipment. David said to give a shout out to the Kanawha County school that has been launching balloons with telemetry packages. Impressive! Remember in prayer George Fisher (Hooger) W4OF and Jeff White KE8RAW and their spouses. A motion was made to adjourn and seconded at 8:05pm.