ERARC MEETING

November 2, 2026

PRELIMINARIES

Meeting began at 7:00 pm. Thirteen people in house and three online Zoom viewers were in attendance. David Lester N8VFR welcomed the group. The pledge to the flag was recited by the group.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The October meeting minutes were read and accepted.

Jay Belt, K8CTI, furnished and read a treasurer's report dated November 2, 2026. Total credits were $50.00 and debits were $0.00. Current balance to date is $4456.58 and balance including PayPal account of $493.81 totals $4950.39. We are accepting dues for the coming year at $20/amateur with $5 per family member. Online membership management: www.HamclubOnline.com.

OLD BUSINESS

A Bluewell site for the APRS and Meshcore repeaters is still proceeding. An antenna and coax have been obtained for the site. Hopefully installed before wintertime. A workday is still needed for the 911 Center to install a dipole antenna. An inventory of equipment at club headquarters is needed as well. John Riddle's N8RIG/SK ham equipment continues to be sold with club members buying several items.

NEW BUSINESS

Berlon, W8ZBR 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 Saturday November 14, 2026. The special event, W2S, to commemorate the World Series from 10-17-26 to 10-31-26 was successful with many voice and digital contacts logged. A nighttime CW practice schedule remains to be arranged by Marcus, W4BD. The next Tinkering Thursday will be November 19, 2026. David completed a renewal application to allow the ERARC to continue as an ARRL Special Services Club. He reminded everyone that if new and renewed ARRL memberships are submitted through the club, a portion of each fee would be reimbursed to the club. Matt, KC8LGS, spoke about the recent ARES meeting on Thursday October 1st. The next meeting will be on November 5 at 6:00pm. Keith Gunnoe, the Office of Emergency Services Director, is desiring to work with the ARES group as the need arises. Matt encouraged taking the FEMA online ICS courses in addition to using Winlink and APRS messaging. Henry, KC3KGY, offered to coordinate with his GMRS repeater system upon request to aid the ARES group. Matt reminded the group to participate in each Monday Skywarn ARES Net on the 145.49 repeater and the connected 145.25 repeater. Nominations were submitted in October for Dave Lester as President, David Sexton as Vice President, Jay Belt as Treasurer and James Reed as Secretary. The voting tonight finalized these choices for the coming year. Matt will be contacting Culture Grill and Cantina for the upcoming December Christmas dinner date. If possible, contact your business friends for donations and/or prizes to be used at the dinner. Remember in prayer George Fisher (Hooger) W4OF and Jeff White KE8RAW and their spouses. A motion was made to adjourn and seconded at 7:55pm.