

Minutes of the East River Amateur Radio Club meeting held on October 7, 2013; Ryan's Steakhouse Bluefield, VA. <http://www.erarc.com>

The meeting was opened at 708pm by Bill Sowers K8WBS, ERARC Vice President. There were 9 members and guests in attendance. All were welcomed.

Hooger Fisher W4OF read the September minutes.

Roger Stefancic KC8LGR, ERARC Treasurer, gave his report. He paid two phone bills totaling \$41.87. Only 60 members have renewed as of today and there were around 90+ members last year. Roger reminds us that membership renewals are due by August 31. Renewals are still \$15.00 per amateur per year and an additional \$1 per amateur at the same mailing address. Send renewals to: ERARC, P.O. Box 1362, Bluefield, WV 24701. Roger would like members to email him at [rdstefancic@yahoo.com](mailto:rdstefancic@yahoo.com) with updated/preferred email addresses, phone numbers, etc. Thanks!

Repeater report: The 147.06 is on the air and is working very well. The 145.49 was off the air this morning and just before this meeting (for Hooger) but Don Anderson WD8OOR and Bob Matney KE4IVE worked the machine OK this AM also. Don says that maybe the machine will finally quit so that the real problem can finally be diagnosed. He said that the Echolink on the 145.49 will hopefully be back up within two weeks. John Riddle N8RIG said that the 442.45 Echolink computer needs to have Windows and the Echolink program reloaded and that he will get on this project. The 53.37 machine needs another antenna. Don said that we need a windy day, when local airplanes probably wouldn't fly, to get a work crew up to go to the mountain and take care of some of these problems.

Roger said that Don heard the Bland County bear hunters on 144.89 simplex this week and heard them mentioning their names.

Gary Kadar N8GK asked about officer elections. There was discussion. Harold Hodges N8NCP made a motion, seconded by John Riddle to keep the current ERARC officers. Discussion. A vote was taken. The motion passed.

The meeting was over by 724pm.

Submitted by Hooger Fisher W4OF, ERARC Secretary.