

Minutes of the East River Amateur Radio Club meeting held on June 4, 2018 at Bellacino's in Princeton, WV. <http://www.erarc.com> local emergency HF freq: 3.860+-5. Skywarn® local simplex freq: 146.53. Our backup meeting location is at the Bluefield, Va. Burger King.

The meeting was opened at 703pm by Keith Jennings AD8L, ERARC Past-President due to Matt Morris KC8LGS President and Steve O'Dell N8SNR ERARC VP being absent. There were 14 members in attendance. Charles Priest, a visitor, was recognized. He came by the recent air show and found out about this meeting. He is studying for his Technician license. Keith said that 8 or 9 members helped out at the event and that the rain may have actually had more people coming by our 'setup' inside.

Gary Kadar N8GK read the minutes of the May 7, 2018 meeting and they were approved. (Hooger Fisher W4OF on vacation this week).

Bruce Puckett KJ4YTR gave his Treasurer's report. He paid a power bill for the 145.49 site in the amount of \$12.43 and deposited \$15.00.

(We are accepting dues for the 2018-2019 ERARC calendar year. The cost is still \$15 per Amateur and \$1 for additional Ham at the same address. ERARC P.O. Box 1362 Bluefield, WV 24701. There is a downloadable application on the ERARC website if needed. We appreciate your supporting local Amateur communications in our community.)

Don Anderson WD8OOR gave his repeater report. He has shortened the repeater tails so as to have more useful transmitting time. **FIELD DAY:** <http://www.arrl.org/field-day> June 23-24, 2018 at Boy Scout Camp Roland, Bastian, Va. Rt. 615, Grapefield Road about 2.5 miles from the Exxon at the Bastian exit #58. There will be a potluck dinner on Saturday at 6pm during the event. Please come by to help setup OR visit OR operate OR hang out **AND DEFINITELY ENJOY THE MEAL WITH US!** Members who can will meet at the 911 Center on Friday June 22 at noon and load up needed equipment and take it over to the Camp. Don said that we need two new tires for the trailer (235-75-R 15). George Leedy KJ4BXS said that Mint Motors has recaps. Gary made a motion to purchase new tires for the trailer, seconded by David Sexton AB8D. A vote was taken, the motion passed. Field Day transmitters, as of now: Gary will head-up 15M, Harold Hodges N8NCP 75M, Randall Hash WB4BBF 40M CW, and Keith/David 20M. The HF antenna at the Camp needs to be repaired as the winter snow has it leaning off of center at about 20 degrees.

Mercer Co. ARRL Emergency Coordinator's report: Matt not present; no report.

Roger Stefancic KC8LGR: Skywarn practice net, followed by the Mercer County ARES net every Monday (except the first one in each month) at 0730pm. Check-ins doing OK for this time of year.

Mercer ARES net: Held after the Skywarn Net. Steve O'dell not present; no report.

It was mentioned that the WV ARES net is on the first Thursday of each month following the WV Fone Net at 6pm on 3.810

Gary said that no one showed up for the May ERARC ARRL VE test session.

No old business was brought up before the membership.

Jaiden KE8GDP and John Borich KE8GDO are studying for their General licenses.

This coming Thursday/Friday, several of the ERARC members will meet at the 911 Center to work on the ham antennas and replace the feed lines.

New business: Arlie Hicks N8AH has some ham equipment that he is selling(?) and has some more. Roger is getting his Amplifier.

Brenen McGraw KC8FIB donated a 20 amp 125/250V twist lock plug to the Club. Thanks!

The meeting was over at 0742pm.

Taken by Gary Kadar, submitted by Hooger Fisher W4OF, ERARC Secretary. (06-14-2018) ERARC P.O. Box 1362 Bluefield, WV 24701

"To Do" / 'wants' or 'needs' list. Items mentioned:

- (1) Get 440 operational at the 911 Center -
- (2) A new HF antenna for our use,
- (3) Upgrading the DMR internet interface for more reliable availability
- (4) Get packet system up and running
- (5) Continue to look into the Amazon Smile program
- (6) Suggestion: list the DMR talkgroups, help pages, links, etc. on the ERARC website
- (7) New repeater site to replace 145.49?
- (8) June 2018, Technician Study manuals for three local libraries?
- (9) Anderson Powerpole Connector system
- (10) Bruce mentioned at the May meeting about membership drive.