

Minutes of the Bluefield, WV's East River Amateur Radio Club meeting held on December 6, 2021 <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. Our backup meeting location is at the Princeton, WV. Burger King. President Mike Clemons KM4UCR, VP. David Sexton AB8D, Treasurer Jay Belt K8CTI, Secretary George "Hooger" Fisher III W4OF, Webmaster David Lester N8VFR

The meeting was opened at 705pm by Mike Clemons KM4UCR President. He welcomed the 5 other members present. There were two members via ZOOM. (Please keep Don Anderson WD8OOR in your prayers as he recovers from an automobile accident and subsequent rehabilitation. It was reported that he is indeed doing better. Please keep John Riddle N8RIG in your prayers also.) Hooger Fisher read the minutes from the November 1, 2021 meeting and they were approved.

Jay Belt K8CTI ERARC Secretary reported deposits of \$47.00 in memberships and donations as well as \$20.46 from the Amazon Smile program. There were no expenditures reported.

Repeater report: Jay said that they are ok except for the needed antenna placement at the 145.49 site. Mike said that the Nelson Linkous WZ8E C-Bridge router for the DMR system is now at our repeater site and serves quite a few repeaters.

DMR: David Sexton AB8D: (Net is every Tuesday at 0730pm on the W8MOP 444.45 DMR repeater on the 3154 WV statewide talk group.)

Skywarn: (The weekly Monday net is at 0730pm on 145.49. David Sexton and Jaiden Borich N4NFP have been running the net recently. Participation has been historically low. Please check in.)

Volunteer Examiner / Elmer report: Keith Jennings. The ERARC ARRL VE team tests quarterly on the second Saturday at 9am at 704 Bland St., Room 523, Bluefield, WV. The November12 session produced one Technician, two Generals and one General/Extra. (Those testing must have a FCC Registration Number and valid email address before testing. The cost to test is \$15 and we will accept cash and check but NO PLASTIC.

<https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/support/universal-licensing-system-uls-resources/getting-fcc-registration-number-frn>)

ELMER CLASS meets on the first Saturday of each month at 1PM at 704 Bland Street Room 523 Bluefield WV. The December 4 class was attended by 4 people including Keith and Mike. This class is for anyone that may

have questions, comments, etc. it's not just for newly licenses Amateurs.
Questions? Call Keith at 304 887 5767.

Old Business: none

New business: Mike mentioned that we need to think about having an open house for the community this coming spring.

Gary Kadar mentioned that the ARRL VHF contest is coming up in January 2022. <http://www.arrl.org/january-vhf>

The meeting was over at 0729pm.

We are currently accepting dues for the upcoming year. It's \$15 per Ham with an additional \$1 for each Ham at the same mailing address. There is a downloadable membership application at our website if needed.

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