

Minutes of the East River Amateur Radio Club meeting held on November 3, 2014 @ Burger King in Bluefield, VA due to Ryan's closing at 7pm for a corporate meeting.

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local emergency HF freq: 3.860+-5

The meeting was opened at 700pm by Harold Hodges N8NCP, ERARC President. There were 12 members and guests in attendance. All were welcomed.

Hooger Fisher W4OF read the October minutes. The minutes were approved. Roger Stefancic KC8LGR, ERARC Treasurer, gave his report. He made a donation to the Union Mission in honor of Phillip Frazier, Bob Frazier's WB8NRK son who passed away recently. He paid a phone bill in the amount of \$22.01, paid \$277.45 for repair of the 442.45 repeater. DUES ARE BEING ACCEPTED NOW, THANKS. They are still \$15.00 per year and only \$1.00 per additional member at the same mailing address. There are still two Sam's Club memberships through the ERARC if any member is interested. It's \$45 per year.

Harold asked Don Anderson WD8OOR for an update on the new 145.49 repeater and controller. He said that he is still working on it as it is still a challenge. He mentioned that we need to send a memorial in honor of Doug Hash, former KD4ARY, who passed away several weeks ago. Doug is the son of Randall Hash WB4BBF.

Harold mentioned that the next ARRL VE TEST SESSION WILL BE THIS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2014 AT 9AM AT THE MERCER COUNTY 911 CENTER IN GREEN VALLEY.

Hooger said that he had received an email from Ed Evans WV8ED today announcing a VE test session on November 19 at 3pm at the McDowell County 911 Center.

John Riddle N8RIG was talking tonight to Don Walker KD8MKY about the Mercer County Civil Air Patrol. Don said that they were going to be using more HF communications vs. VHF/UHF. Their usable frequencies are determined on a mission-by-mission basis by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

Bill Sowers K8WBS would like to get a list together of the 'local' radio nets that members should be aware of. Harold mentioned the 1145am 'WV mid-day net' on 7.235, the Eastern Regional Traffic Net at 245pm on 7.220 and the "WV fone net" at 6pm on 7.811. There are also local VHF nets for use.

Gary Kadar K8GK mentioned that we were to vote on officers for the upcoming year at this November meeting. Discussion. He made a motion, seconded by Don Anderson WD8OOR to keep the current officers. A vote was taken. A majority of hands showing passed the motion.

Harold asked about the Christmas dinner. Ginny Fisher KB4YBU had talked to Roger Stefancic this afternoon and will take it upon herself to organize and get the ball rolling on the dinner/meeting. LOOK FOR UPCOMING EMAILS RE: THIS DINNER. As of now, it will be at Ryan's Steakhouse at 7pm on Monday, December 1, 2014.

L.A. Farmer KB8OOK asked if the radios at the Mercer 911 Center were tested. Don Anderson usually tests them when the Club has their quarterly ARRL VE test sessions at the Center.

Dorothy Walker KD8NEV said that the Club could also possibly meet at the Princeton Historical Society building or at the airport at the Mercer County Civil Air Patrol building. It's usually available except for their usual Tuesday meetings.

Steve O'Dell N8SNR won the 50/50 drawing.
The meeting was over by 0738pm.
Submitted by Hooger Fisher W4OF, ERARC Secretary.

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