

Minutes of the Bluefield, WV's East River Amateur Radio Club meeting held on October 3, 2022
<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. VP. David Sexton AB8D, Treasurer Jay Belt K8CTI, Secretary George "Hooger" Fisher III W4OF, Webmaster David Lester N8VFR (Mike Clemons KM4UCR has resigned from the President's position due to his work schedule and limited availability.)

The meeting was opened at 0705pm by David Sexton AB8D, VP. He welcomed the other 10 in attendance. There was no ZOOM presentation tonight.

Hooger Fisher read the September 5, 2022 minutes and they were approved.

Jay Belt gave the Treasurer's report: no expenditures, 2 membership renewals were received and there was a \$150 donation by Berlon Roberts W8ZBR. Jay received two more renewals tonight.

Repeaters: Jay said that the 147.06 PL 103.5 is now a YAESU DR-2X SYSTEM FUSION digital and analog repeater (primarily 147.06) and a 442.45 repeater secondly. What is System Fusion? - Wireless Society of Southern Maine (ws1sm.com) Yaesu System Fusion Introduction - YouTube The ERARC digital group room number on the 147.06 is 65084. One can enter this number from another location and connect to this repeater quickly. Mike Clemons KM4UCR has added 'Worldwide' and 'America' digital groups also. (Nelson recommends the Yaesu FT-70D Yaesu FT-70DR, FT70D, FT70DR GigaParts.com)

DMR net by 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. Jaiden Borich K4NFP and Dave Sexton have been running this net.

Volunteer Examiner: Keith Jennings AD8L. The ERARC ARRL VE team tests quarterly (Feb May Aug Nov) on the second Saturday at 9am at 704 Bland St., Room 523, Bluefield, WV. The next session will be on November 12, 2022. (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. The new Technician question pool took effect on July 1, 2022. The new FCC \$35 licensing fee will be billed by the FCC, NOT THE ERARC. <https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/support/universal-licensing-system-uls-resources/getting-fcc-registration-number-frn>) Keith knows of a couple of Hams taking the VE testing/certification now. Berlon Roberts is a new VE examiner.

There will be a Technician BLAST class coming this Friday and Saturday. Nelson Linkous WZ8E has 10 people signed up for this cram class. The Technician exam will be given on Saturday at 330pm. Dave Sexton, Chris Hatcher KC8AFH and Nelson are instructors. Many thanks to Mike Walters W8ZY and the ARRL for their immense help in procuring the Technician Study manuals for this class.

ELMER CLASS is on hold unless a special request is made. It was held on the first monthly Saturday at 1pm.

JAMBOREE ON THE AIR, OCTOBER 15, 2022. Randall Hash WB4BBF has contacted Hooger and wants to participate. No one at this meeting voiced desire to help with the event. Hooger will contact the BSA contact person, Dan Trent, and update him. It will be held at BSA Camp Roland, Bastian, Va. At 9am.

Hooger mentioned that we are to nominate officers for the upcoming year. David Sexton, Jay Belt and Hooger Fisher have all agreed to keep their respective offices. There was discussion for the President's position. Berlon Roberts, George Dietrich KF4YGL and Matt Morris KC8LGS were all nominated for the office. Voting takes place next month.

Gary Kadar N8GK asked if we could be instructed as to how to produce the ZOOM meeting for the Club. David Lester N8VFR said that he would look into it.

The meeting was over at 0758pm.