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Minutes of the East River Amateur Radio Club meeting held on January 6, 2014; Burger King @ Bluefield, VA.  
<http://www.erarc.com>

The meeting was opened at 655pm by Bill Sowers K8WBS, ERARC Vice President. There were 6 members in attendance. All were welcomed. This meeting was at Burger King due to Ryan's being closed as the ambient temperature is around 0 degrees.

Hooger Fisher W4OF read the November and December minutes. Roger Stefancic KC8LGR, ERARC Treasurer, gave his report. He made an \$85.00 deposit for memberships and paid two phone bills in the amount of \$21.**92** each.

Gary Kadar N8GK said that there were no testees at the November ERARC ARRL test session. The ERARC VE team has a balance of \$385.71. He said that the new Technician test pool is coming out July 1. He suggested that the Club consider purchasing 3 "Now You're Talking" Technician study guides for the 3 local libraries sometime closer to July.

Bill had asked Hooger to send out an email questioning members about how to get more participation at meetings and how to get more people interested in membership. There was one reply as of last evening with three suggestions:

Update the [www.erarc.com](http://www.erarc.com) website as this is the public face

of the ERARC. There are portions that are not current. For instance, the membership page has not been updated since January 4, 2010.

The Facebook page has not had a post since October 9, 2013.

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are small things yet they do not portray an energetic and active club.

Back in 2006, there was discussion to get the W8MOP APRS machine back on the air. It still is off the air. There are still hams in transit on I-77, etc. who use APRS and there are several weather stations in the area using APRS. This is another way to get the club 'out there'. It is also a great way to transmit accurate information during emergencies, thus keeping the voice channels open. Using APRS this way also keeps "scanner listeners" from hearing possible sensitive information over the airwaves.

John Riddle N8RIG and Scott Hodges KC8ECA, when ERARC President, had sent out mailings to members asking these same questions and more and both had one or two replies. Discussion.

New business: Bill Sowers mentioned that Harold Hodges N8NCP has agreed to seek the office of ERARC President if he were nominated.

Discussion. Bill made the motion, seconded by Roger Stefancic to nominate Harold. A vote was taken. Harold is the new ERARC President.

The meeting was over by 725pm.

Submitted by Hooger Fisher W4OF, ERARC Secretary.

Check out a radio-active site at: <http://www.erarc.com> , The East River Amateur Radio Club. We'll be glad that you did!>.,.

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