

Minutes of the East River Amateur Radio Club meeting held on March 7, 2016 at Valley Country Restaurant in Green Valley, WV.

<http://www.erarc.com> local emergency HF freq: 3.860+-5. Backup meeting location at Burger King, Bluefield, Va. The meeting was opened at 657pm by Harold Hodges N8NCP, ERARC President. There were 17 members/guests in attendance. He especially introduced Gene Wright W8NBG, the WV ARRL District 9 EC.

Hooger Fisher W4OF read the minutes of the February meeting. There were no changes made and they were approved.

Roger Stefancic KC8LGR, ERARC Treasurer, gave his report. ERARC \$6,407.66. He deposited \$16.00 in renewals and paid \$25.00 to the State of WV for our 501©3 license. He re-filed with the IRS for another year for our not-for-profit status.

Roger said that the Skywarn Practice Net (held each Monday at 0730pm except on the first Monday) is going well. He announced that he will not continue to be the ERARC Treasurer nor will he accept any other ERARC office. He said that his 6 years have been enough for him and he will pass the office on to another person. Sam's Club renewals can be made at the Service Desk there. The upcoming Skywarn weather spotter class will be held at the WVVA Television station on Tuesday, March 15 at 7pm. Call the Station to reserve your spot in the class. One can also register for the NWS online class offered at: <http://www.weather.gov/rnk/skywarn> .

Gene Wright introduced himself to the group. He has been licensed since 1955. He is the Emergency Coordinator for Greenbrier County, WV and the District EC for District 9 in WV and lives in Quinwood. He is also the President of the Nicholas County ARC. He is here tonight to see if anyone in the Club would consider taking the EC position for Mercer Co. WV. One must be an ARRL member in order to be an EC or Assistant EC. (IF you may be interested, please email w4of@hotmail.com for further information concerning the membership fee. Thanks.) Go to <http://www.wvarrl.com> for more WV ARES information.

Jay Belt K8CTI offered a repeater report. The 147.06 is on its second and final repeater/radio and is failing. As he is a Kenwood dealer, he received an email announcing that the Company has an overstock of repeaters and is selling them for \$654, while supplies last, compared to around \$1500 or so at regular price. Discussion. George Leedy KJ4BXX made a motion, seconded by Bill Sowers K8WBS to purchase one of these units. A vote was taken. The motion passed. Jay and Don Anderson WD8OOR will take care of the details and get the unit on its way to Bluefield.

Wayne McBride KC8EHD, Summers County, WV EC was in attendance tonight. He came for the meeting and also donated an antenna rotor to the Club for our use. Thanks Wayne!

Gary said that the February ARRL VE test session produced a new Technician. It took about 2 weeks for his new call sign to be processed. It is a KE8??? call. Gary couldn't remember the suffix.

Keith Jennings NO8P showed some of the donated material from ICOM, Kenwood, Yaesu, etc. that he's received for our use in showing the public what we do and can do. He had some band plans and Grid Maps from ICOM that he gave out, items that the general public would have no use for.

Jay Belt K8CTI has yet to activate the Magic Jack telephone device on the 145.49.

October is Jamboree on the Air month and we had previously voted to help Ed Evans WV8ED with this event. He has procured the K2BSA/8 callsign for use.

It was mentioned that the Extra Class question pool expires in July.

The meeting was over by 735pm.

Submitted by Hooger Fisher W4OF, ERARC Secretary.

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