

Minutes of the East River Amateur Radio Club meeting held on April 4, 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 7pm by Harold Hodges N8NCP, ERARC President. There were 12 members/guests in attendance. He welcomed all to the meeting

Hooger Fisher W4OF read the minutes of the March meeting. There were no changes made and they were approved. Harold mentioned that he had tested the rotor that Wayne McBride KC8EHD donated to the Club. It works well. Thanks again Wayne.

Roger Stefancic KC8LGR, ERARC Treasurer, gave his report. ERARC \$5,707.51. He deposited \$15.00 in renewals and paid \$654.65 for the new 147.06 repeater, \$60 for post office box rent and \$1 to K2 Towers for our annual payment for use of the facilities on East River Mountain.

Sam's Club renewals can be made at the service desk there.

Jay Belt K8CTI repeater report: The new 147.06 machine has been on the air for three weeks now and is working well with the CAT-250 controller. "Thank you for oh you" is heard often. He said that he is waiting on good weather to change out the 145.49 antenna and then working on connecting the Magic Jack phone interconnect. He hopes to go to the repeater site on Wednesday to get the 442.45 repeater antenna upright as it is at a 45 degree tilt right now. Don Anderson WD8OOR reminds all that there are cattle in the field at the Windmill site and that the gate must be kept closed. Don said that the Echolink is receiving but not transmitting and that he is going to work on that problem.

Roger said that he had a call from the Boy Scouts today concerning placement of the antenna tower at BSA Camp Roland. We need to get with their contact person and provide them with all of the details on where and how we plan to place the tower. There was much discussion on this subject. Bill Sowers K8WBS will get all of the specifications on the concrete base, etc. together for Don.

Bill said that the top, middle and bottom parts need to be disassembled in that order before removing it from his home. Don said that we would come up with a pulley system and rope for the flagpole assembly (for the Scouts to use).

Hooger mentioned that he had sent out pictures of antenna and platform towers that are at the Tazewell County airport. Discussion. The Club is in no need for these although some one may be interested in them.

Keith Jennings NO8P said that Hearthside Books in Bluefield, WV is hosting a book signing on May 24, 2016 for J.K. George's Book ***Contact Sport***. Mr. George is a 1960 graduate of Princeton High School and engineering graduate of Virginia Tech and has retired after working 40+ years at Motorola. His book is about Ham Radio and is on the Amazon best sellers list. Keith ordered his book from Amazon and was around \$28 total. Hearthside is selling the book for \$20.65. He said that the Club can setup a table at the bookstore to advertise Ham Radio, the Club, etc. if we would like to do so. Mr. George is happy that our local Hams want to support him. Keith has contacted the Chamber of Commerce concerning the April 29-May 1 Better Living Show at the Brushfork Armory. IF they come up with an inside table for us it would cost \$100 but we could setup for free outside the building. This would be to get us into the public eye to promote Ham Radio and the Club. He said that we should keep the August Mercer County Fair in mind also. Jay said that we could setup at the annual Mercer County Airport Fly-in and Car Show on May 28, 2016.

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.

Hooger passed around a flyer for the Prospect, PA 2016 Hamfest and Computer Show on June 5, 2016. They sent two admission tickets for our members' use. See: <http://www.breezeshooters.org> for more information.

The meeting was over by 740pm.

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