

# ERARC MEETING

May 5, 2025

## PRELIMINARIES

Meeting began at 7:00 pm. Ten people in attendance and two guests on Zoom.

David Lester, N8VFR, welcomed the group. The pledge to the flag was recited by the group.

## PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The previous month's meeting minutes were read by David Sexton. Items mentioned were the repeater repairs to the 145.49 machine. Requests were approved for Jay Belt and Nelson Linkous to be reimbursed for materials used and programming chip ordered for the controller. Field Day location will probably be at Mercer County airport. Mike Walters explained that the club can be reimbursed \$20 for new member enrollments and \$5 reimbursed for existing member renewals. Mike is writing an article on the Field Day experience which is to include information of past ERARC Field Day activities.

## TREASURER REPORT

**Jay Belt, K8CTI, furnished a treasurer's report dated May 5, 2025. The report listing credits and debits for the club bank balance and PayPal balance are listed on the attachments. \$70 paid to SERA for repeater coordination for two years membership.**

## OLD BUSINESS

The 145.49 repeater sensitivity and range is much improved. Discussion.

## NEW BUSINESS

The 147.06 repeater is being recoordinates to the new Princeton location. The machine has not moved to the new location yet. A new 145.20 fusion only repeater will be tried at Windmill Gap after the 147.06 machine is removed from the site. If this 145.20 repeater frequency should create interference to adjacent repeaters, then a possible move of the 145.25 repeater to Windmill Gap and a move of 145.20 repeater to East River Mountain would be attempted. Also, linking of the 145.49 and 147.06 repeaters would be activated.

A VE exam session is scheduled for Saturday May 10 at 9:00am at club HQ. Nominations were attempted for the club secretary position. Charlie nominated Brendan and no other nominations were heard. It was decided to email to club membership a description of the secretary job duties and pursue nominations next month. The “Streets of Coal” special event will be held on June 14 at the Princeton railroad museum location. Further information can be obtained from Jeff, KE8RAW. Field Day is confirmed by the airport manager to be allowed there on June 28-29. Chris Hatcher is coordinating a special event ham station at the West Virginia State Fair commemorating 100 years in August. More information coming. The September club meeting will be Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>. A speaker from the Green Bank radio telescope may be coming to a meeting in September with a topic on space weather or the ISS operations. The presentation could be scheduled open house with students attending. More info to come.

### **CONCLUSION AND ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm.

**David Sexton AB8D**