

DRA Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2014

The DRA meeting was called to order by Frank Filipkowski, AD3M at 7:15 P.M. held in the Community Room of the New Castle County Safety Building. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Frank AD3M. There was a moment of silence for silent keys. There was a round of introductions. Those present were Frank AD3M, Bill W3DE, Wayne KB3RVR, Steve K3SRM, Lee W3LDG, Dave KC3AM, Martin AA3A, Joe N1FLU, and Joe KI3B.

The business portion of the meeting was opened and Frank, AD3M asked for a report from the officers. Bill W3DE gave a report that the cable to the 449.025 repeater had been repaired. He also stated that the 146.700 repeater was switched to a single antenna on the top with a combiner added so both 2 meter and 70 cm could operate on the same antenna. He then stated that the UPS for the 73 machine was available but may need batteries. The fence needs painted and the block house also needs some touch up on the paint. Several items were mentioned that had been donated by Frank AD3M in addition to paying for labor on the tower work.

The treasurer's report was given by Wayne KB3RVR. Motion and second to accept the report was made by Dave KC3AM and Lee W3LDG and was passed.

The minutes of the March 11, 2014 meeting were read by Wayne KB3RVR. Frank pointed out that the date needed to be changed on the minutes from 2013 to 2014. Motion and second to accept the minutes was made by Lee W3LDG and Joe KI3B and was passed.

Frank AD3M opened the floor for new business. A request had been made to use the 448.375 repeater for the New Castle County Skywarn. Motion and second as a formality to allow the usage of this repeater was made by Dave KC3AM and Joe KI3B. Motion was passed.

Frank AD3M then asked for any old business. The painting of the Brandywine Tower fence was discussed. Dave KC3AM agreed to head the project and to report back at the September meeting.

The upcoming June field day was discussed.

Bill W3DE brought up the subject of possible classes to teach those wishing to earn their technician license. Joe KI3B said that he would look into teaching the classes if needed.

Joe KI3B was asked about the progress on the Yaesu repeater inquiry. He stated that he would look into the progress and report back on his findings.

Motion and second to adjourn the meeting were made by Lee W3LDG and Steve K3SRM and was passed.

Frank AD3M then showed a video on the history of radio.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne KB3RVR