

DRA Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2015

The DRA meeting was called to order by Bill Greenhalgh W3DE, in the absence of Frank AD3M who was unable to attend and Dave KC3AM who was late arriving at 7:03 P.M. held in the Community Room of the New Castle County Safety Building. Bill, W3DE led in the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a moment of silence for silent keys and fallen protectors of our country. Bill, W3DE then asked for a roll call of those present. Those present were: AB8NG Tom, N3EDO Bill, N1FLU Joe, KI3B Joe, KC3EMM Les, WA3I Chet, KB3QVA George, N3VRY John, K2ILC Louis, W3DE Bill, KC3AM Dave, and KB3RVR Wayne.

Under old business the painting of the fence at the tower was mentioned, but no one had any new information.

The minutes of the March meeting was read by Wayne KB3RVR and the motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Joe KI3b and seconded by Bill N3EDO and carried.

The treasurer's report was made by Wayne KB3RVR and the motion to accept the report as read was made by George KB3QVA and seconded by Bill N3EDO and carried.

Under new business the Brandywine Tower is for sale. The asking price is \$300,000.00. Bill W3DE was looking into a crowd funding site to see if enough money could be raised to purchase the tower and have some money for miscellaneous expenses. The problem is that if the tower is sold, the DRA might lose the access to the tower for our repeaters. Several aspects were discussed both financial and legal. Bill W3DE will further explore the possibility of the crowd source funding and the legal aspects associated also to explore the possibility of a grant.

Discussion was made about the new Fusion repeaters and the low power problems. No solution was discovered.

Dave KC3AM arrived and gave a report on the meeting that he and Bill Duvenek KB3KYH had attended on the Fusion repeaters. This meeting also discussed the possibility of linking the repeaters.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill N3EDO, seconded by Joe N1FLU, and passed.

A presentation was made by Joe KI3B on 6 and 10 meters FM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne KB3RVR