

DRA Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2015

The DRA meeting was called to order by Frank AD3M at 7:03 P.M. held in the Community Room of the New Castle County Safety Building. Frank AD3M led in the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a moment of silence for silent keys and fallen protectors of our country. Frank AD3M then asked for a roll call of those present. Those present were: KB3RVR Wayne, N3EDO Bill, N1FLU Joe, AD3M Frank, W3DE Bill, KC3AM Dave, W3LDG Lee, KB3KYH Bill, N3LUD John, KC3BRE Brian, KB7RT Rick, W3DE Bill, and KB3QQZ Connie.

Frank AD3M shared the agenda for the meeting. He then gave a report on a repeater committee he and Dave KC3AM had attended.

The treasurer's report was made by Wayne KB3RVR and the motion to accept the report as read was made by Lee W3LDG, seconded by Dave KC3AM, and carried.

The minutes of the June meeting was read by Wayne KB3RVR and the motion to accept the minutes as read was made by W3LDG Lee, seconded by John N3LUD, and carried.

W3LDG Lee discussed the Newark repeaters and had made some adjustments and will explore using some small amps at the Newark site. Also discussed was the changing of the dash to a slant in the call sign.

Bill W3DE gave a report on the possible purchase of the Brandywine tower. The crowd source funding did not work and there were many legal and other hurdles that would have to be overcome therefore the purchase of the tower was decided to be unattainable at this time. Bill W3DE will look into securing an alternate site for the repeater in case we lose access to the Brandywine Tower.

Bill KB3KYH gave a report from the ARRL and mentioned the Pope's upcoming visit to Philadelphia and the Sussex Hamfest.

Frank AD3M gave a presentation from the committee to link the Yaesu Fusion repeaters throughout the state and informed the DRA what was involved and that an internet connection would be needed. The committee is still a work in progress. He then turned the attention to the Pope's upcoming visit to Philadelphia and the preparation for that event and some of the places where volunteers would be needed.

The final business was the appointing of a nominating committee for officers for the December meeting. John N3LUD was to serve on that committee. Then a committee of Dave KC3AM and Bill W3DE would serve as a committee to audit the treasury.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John N3LUD, seconded by Lee W3LDG, and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne KB3RVR