

DRA Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2015

The DRA meeting was called to order by Frank Filipkowski, AD3M at 7:00 P.M. held in the Community Room of the New Castle County Safety Building. Frank, AD3M asked for a roll call of those present. Those present were: Frank AD3M, Bill W3DE, Wayne N3IUJ, Joe KI3B, Mark KA3JUI, Martin AA3A, John N3LUD, Dan KC3BRL, Jeff N3GJB, Joe N1FLU, Marty AD3J, Bill N3EDO, Dave KC3BEJ, Patrick K3PEH, Dave KC3AM, and Lee W3LDG. There was a moment of silence for silent keys and fallen protectors of our country. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Frank AD3M.

The business portion of the meeting was opened and Frank, AD3M stated the agenda for the meeting. Frank AD3M asked for a report from the officers. John N3LUD reported that the nominating committee recommended that the officers who served in 2015 be reelected to serve in 2016. Motion to receive this report was made by Dave KC3BEJ and seconded by Marty AD3J. Motion to accept passed. Motion to reelect these same officers was made by Wayne N3IUJ and seconded by Dan KC3BRL. Motion passed. The officers for 2016 are as follows: President, Frank AD3M; Vice President, Dave KC3AM, Secretary/Treasurer, Wayne KB3RVR; Trustee, Bill W3DE; Board members, Joe KI3B, Lee W3LDG, and John N3LUD.

Frank AD3M reported that he and Bill W3DE had conducted a treasury audit on September 3, 2015 and all was found to be in order. Frank AD3M and Bill W3DE and Dave KC3AM had gone to the repeater site and did some periodic maintenance. While there they moved the UPS (uninterrupted power source) to a different location. After reconnecting it to the power something happened to it and smoked the electronics. As a result, an alternate source of backup power will need to be found.

Dave KC3AM gave a report on the repeater linking committee for Delaware. The plan is to have repeaters linked in each county in the state. It will be a closed system through the Yaesu network but will not have to be a Yaesu repeater. The deadline for the linking will be next January. Dave KC3AM also reported on the progress on replacing the antennas on the Newark water tower which were taken down for the painting of the tower. They are to be reinstalled soon and a decision will need to be made soon as to whether we want to replace with two antennas with new feed line or continue with one antenna. The cost of the line was also discussed.

The treasurer's report was made by Bill W3DE in the absence of the treasurer. Motion was made by Wayne N3IUJ and seconded by Dan KC3BRL to accept the report as read. Motion was passed. The clerk's report was read by Joe KI3B in the absence of the clerk. Motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Wayne N3IUJ and seconded by John N3LUD. Motion was passed.

Frank AD3M reported that Bill KB3KYH was unable to attend to give a report on the ARRL due to a conflict in scheduling. There have been a couple more congressmen and senators who have signed on to the bills to allow amateur radio antennas in developments but if you have not already done so please write you senators and congressman.

Lee W3LDG arrived and gave a brief report adding some information on the Newark repeaters and antennas. Frank AD3M shared information about a drill he was involved in at Nemours testing RMS systems. John N3LUD shared information about the DV4 dongle and a couple of other SDR systems.

Motion was made by Wayne N3IUJ and seconded by Dan KC3BRL to adjourn. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne KB3RVR