

## **DRA Meeting Minutes**

**March 8, 2016**

The DRA meeting was called to order by Frank Filipkowski, AD3M at 7:08 P.M. held in the Community Room of the New Castle County Safety Building. 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. Frank, AD3M asked for a roll call of those present. Those present were: Frank AD3M, Bill W3DE, Wayne KB3RVR, Bill KB3KYH, Mark KA3JUI, John N3LUD, Bill N3EDO, Dave KC3AM, Paul KC3GKJ, and Lee W3LDG.

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. Bill KB3KYH gave a report from the ARRL. The upcoming convention and Hamfest were mentioned and he stated that he was putting together a list of Elmers.

Frank, AD3M reported that he and Dave, KC3AM had had configured 2 nodes for Wires X in New Castle County as a part of the work of the linking committee. He purported that there are about 10 nodes in DE and about 5 of them were a part of the linking project. He also gave a report on the UPS at the 73 site. Due to an electrical problem the UPS was destroyed and Dave (KC3AM) had supplied 7-100 amp batteries and Frank (AD3M) had supplied a power supply to keep them charged for an emergency power supply. A communication from Dave Scott, KC3BEJ about the upcoming Wilmington emergency communications drill and an upcoming New Castle County Skywarn class.

Dave (KC3AM) had no report to give. Bill (W3DE) reported that the fence near the tower was the victim of an accident by a car that hydroplaned off of Turf Road, but our fence was not the one that was damaged. He has also been looking into options that would be available should we lose access to the Brandywine tower. Lee (W3LDG) reported on the Newark site. It will be about a month before the tank work is completed. Discussion was made about running new hardlines and splitting the antennas back to one line for UHF and another for VHF.

The treasurer's report was made by Wayne (KB3RVR). Motion was made by John (N3LUD) and seconded by Lee (W3LDG) to accept the report as read. Motion was passed. The secretary's report was read by Wayne (KB3RVR). Motion to accept the minutes as read was made by John (N3LUD) and seconded by Lee (W3LDG). Motion was passed.

Discussion was made to take some of the surplus equipment to Dayton and sell it. Dave (KC3AM) stated that he was going. Discussion was made for some additional information to be added to the DRA web site. Discussion was also made about DSTAR repeaters and the location of the DRA's Fusion repeaters.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne KB3RVR