

## **DRA Meeting Minutes**

**December 13, 2016**

The DRA meeting was called to order by Frank Filipkowski, AD3M at 7:01 P.M. held in the Community Room of the New Castle County Safety Building. The roll was called with the following people present: Frank AD3M, Bill W3DE, Wayne K3WHH, Joe N1FLU, Jeff K3JRZ, Dave KC3AM, Paul K3PGM, Robert N3FJ, Bill KB3KYH, Chet WA3I, and Wayne N3IUJ. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Frank AD3M. There was a moment of silence for silent keys and fallen protectors of our country.

The business portion of the meeting was opened and Frank AD3M outlined the agenda for the meeting. Frank AD3M asked for a report from the officers. Frank AD3M stated that Yaesu repeaters were installed at the Ebright location both VHF and UHF were not fusion repeaters. The UHF repeater needs an amplifier. Thanks to Brenden W3VD for tuning the duplexer. Wayne K3WHH read the treasurer's report. Motion made by Wayne N3IUJ to accept the report as read, seconded by Joe N1FLU and passed. Wayne K3WHH then read the September 13, 2016. Motion was made by Wayne N3IUJ to accept the minutes and seconded by Paul K3PGM and the motion was passed. Bill W3DE then noted that Wayne Hale, secretary/treasurer has a new call sign, K3WHH and congratulated him on the new call sign. Dave KC3AM had no report. Bill W3DE stated that he was still trying to get the cables for the Newark antennas and that someone would probably need to be hired to climb the tower to install the antennas when the cables were finished. It was also noted that all of the Brandywine repeaters were not located in one cabinet.

The election of officers was held. Frank AD3M stated that all of the current officers were willing to continue in their positions. He did ask if anyone would be willing to take either the secretary or treasurer job to free Wayne K3WHH from some of the work. No volunteers were forthcoming. Motion was made by Wayne N3IUJ to keep the current officers for another year, seconded by Joe N1FLU and carried.

Frank AD3M suggested that the club consider applying for 501 (C) 3 status. Information will be brought to the next meeting. Frank AD3M also stated that he was going to assign Lee W3LDG the responsibility of getting the Newark repeaters back to their operating status.

Under old business, Paul K3PGM reported on the ARDEN program experiment. The first attempt had some settings wrong but the second worked great. Some of the equipment had to be removed from the hospital and will need to have a more permanent installation there in the future. Theoretically, if dishes are used at each end the transmission rate will increase.

Bill W3DE reported that the fence painting has been completed and it looks great and the neighbors are happy with the results. It took about 10 gallons of the Rustoleum fence.

paint. The cost of the paint was \$32-37 per gallon and Bill W3DE purchased the paint and donated it to the club. Thanks to everyone who helped. Thank you to Brenden W3VD for tuning the duplexers and a set of pass band filters. Paul also has purchased controllers to allow DStar to work on the Yaesu repeaters and needs to register it and use the club call sign, W3DRA. Motion was made by Dave KC3AM to allow Paul to apply the W3DRA call sign to the DStar registration, seconded by Wayne N3IUJ and passed. Bill KB3KYH gave a report on the activities of the ARRL. He also gave away a new ARRL Handbook courtesy of ARRL.

Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne K3WHH