

April 18 1995

A meeting of the Bald Eagle Repeater Association was held on Tuesday Evening April 18, 1995 at the home of Bob & Leg Shearer RR 4 Montoursville Pa. The Club President Melvin Bennett was absent and Bob Shearer opened the meeting at 7:10 P.M. The minutes of the last meeting held on August 28, 1995 were read by the Secretary, Gen. Frey. And were approved as read. The Club Treasurer Jan Hall read a report on the Club Treasury and reported: Old Balance of \$173.74, Deposits made \$375.00 Paid out to Postage \$7.64, Checks \$17.55, Phone \$45.78, PPL 50.71, DER. \$50.00, Repeater repair \$81.40, Bank Service charge \$20.00 Jan stated that Air Checks are not free of charge and that a service fee is charged. Also a new balance as of April 18, 1995 \$275.66.

Under old Business Bob reported that the door on the building at the Repeater site still needs to be replaced. The door will also need a door lock.

Bob reported that we are having Antenna Problems and that a new Super station Antenna would cost \$569.25 plus \$55.00 shipping cost. Bob stated that



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he had a Home Brew Antenna that could be side mounted on the tower to use until the old one can either be repaired or a new one is purchased. Bob said the Home Brew Antenna had a 2.5 DB gain. Bob stated that a work party would have to be scheduled to try to remedy these two problems. A work day was scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 9:00 AM, at the tower site.

It was also mentioned that the ray on the Repeater building should have another coat of sealant. Bob also stated that the PL on the repeater the user Code is no longer available because of abuse with people shutting it down and not bringing it back up. A security code is now used only available to <sup>club</sup> trustees which can be used to shut everything down on the repeater if the need to do so arises.

Under New Business Bob stated that a new group has formed for the Repeater Coordination called the Great Repeater Coordination Council. Bob said that he sent necessary papers for the 09449 repeaters for coordination and had received confirmation.



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Bob stated that the Club was given a Spectrum SCR 4000 UHF Repeater. He said that he had no interest in putting this Repeater on 440 MHz. He stated that the Club could sell this Repeater and the money could be used for the purchase of a new Antenna for the .09 Repeater.

He stated that a couple of minor repairs would have to be made to the Spectrum that 2 UHF Cavities are bad and would have to be replaced. Bob stated that total cost for repairs would be about \$200.00 plus alignment. The Spectrum SCR 4000 is 5 years old and the cost when new was \$250.00.

Steve Shultz stated that he was looking for a place to accommodate a digital Hook up for Packet Radio to get better coverage up & down the Valley. He stated that 30 watts maximum output and possibly use the .09 Repeater site to mount a Vertical Antenna. Steve said he would over the site on Wednesday to see if this would be suitable. There was a general discussion on this and on a motion by Jan Hall to allow Steve to use the Repeater site for Packet Radio was seconded by Len Leah. And the motion was carried.



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Ken Graham stated that the County M.O.U. was asking all clubs for the use of the repeater during an emergency. A general discussion was made on this and on a motion by Dave Schultz to give County permission the use of the .09 Repeater during an emergency was seconded by Robin Hall and the motion was passed.

Bob introduced John Rymell as the new R.A.C.E.S. Coordinator for the County. And John offered some new ideas and gave an update on future happenings. Also introduced was Ken Graham the A.R.E.S. Coordinator for the County. Ken stated that a new net on A.R.E.S. would be starting soon and the E.M.A. would be moving to their new location at Lysoch View in the near future. Joyce Almer was introduced as the new Skywarn Coordinator for the County also.

It was decided that a set of By-Laws should be set up for the Club. Ken Graham was made Committee Chairman to oversee this.



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John Rymell stated the club could be a Special Service club such as sponsoring a school. There was a general discussion on this and on a motion by Jan Hall to have the club as a Special Service club was seconded by Jane Schultz and the motion was carried. With not enough members present at tonight's meeting to hold election of officers it was agreed to conduct this at the next meeting which was scheduled for June 6th 1995 at 7:00 P.M. at the home of Bob & Peg Shearer. Jan also mentioned that tentatively the club picnic would be held on Sunday August 27th 1995 at his home.

This ended all regular club business and on a motion by Jan Hall to adjourn was seconded by Jane Schultz and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Members present at tonight's meeting were: Ken Frey, WB3 Hoi, Jan Hall, N3 HPH, Robin Hall, N3 NUR, Bob Shearer N3 AFX, Peg Shearer N3 PFE, Les Grever N3 LEQ, Kentel N3 NUV, Scott Rutter N3 MFK, John Rymell guest N3 PFF, Joyce Dover, WB3 ECT, Jane Schultz N3 NXC.



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Coffee + donuts were served and  
the Club again wishes to thank Bob  
& Peg Shearer for the use of their home  
and nice Hospitality to conduct  
tonights meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Ken Kay W B3 Hoi

B.E.R.A. Secretary

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