

Minutes, May 21, 1998

A meeting of the Bald Eagle Repeater Association was held on Thursday evening, May 21, 1998 at the home of Bob and Peg Shearer of 1138 Radio Club Road, Montoursville, Pa.

The meeting was called to order by the President, John Rymell at 7; 40 P.M.

Members present were: Bill Barnes, N3JIX, Dale Brendle, N3ZIO, Keith Brown, KA3RZE, Ken Frey, WB3HOI, Ryan Gross, N3SSL, Les Gruver, N3LEQ, John Rymell, N3PFF, Bob Shearer, N3AFX, Peg Shearer, N3PFE, John Springman, KB3AWQ, Jim Wilson, W3KRU and a new member accepted into the club, Randy Cromley, KB3COF.

The minutes of the last meeting held on December 11, 1997 were read by the secretary, Ken Frey and with one correction made were approved on a motion by Peg Shearer and seconded by Les Gruver.

The Treasurer report was given by the club treasurer, Peg Shearer and reported: Balance on 12/11/97, 959.87. Dues received \$100.00. Paid outs, \$224.11. New balance 5/21/98, \$835.76. Bills that were paid were: Bell Telephone, \$88.81, PP&L, \$70.30. Bank Service Charge, \$15.00, State Forest Land, \$50.00. The treasurer report was approved on a motion by Dave Shultz and seconded by Bill Barnes.

Under Old Business Bob Shearer reported that the Station Master Antennae was pulled apart and inspected by Bill Barnes, Keith Brown and himself and nothing was found wrong with any of the solder joints, Bob stated that the problem could be a green connector on the line. The Station Master was bought on April 2, 1987 for \$426.95 including shipping and a new one today would cost, \$578.38 plus \$69.00 shipping cost for a total of \$647.38. A work day was scheduled for Saturday, June 6, 1998 at 9:00 A.M. at the repeater site to place the Station Master back on the tower and have a general clean up. Bill Barnes suggested that there are various things to be done at the repeater site to help preserve it. For example: Kill the snake, painting the building, scrape and paint the windmill tower, cut grass and weeds, paint roof, get rid of all unnecessary items in the building and check all ground rods. Bob Shearer stated that there are three ground rods at the repeater site and everything should be tied into these three existing rods. The guy wires on the tower also need reinforced.

Bob Shearer purchased a new MFJ Power Strip for \$54.90 to be used at the repeater site. On a motion by Bill Barnes to pay Bob for the Power Strip was seconded by John Rymell and the motion was approved. Peg Shearer purchased postage of \$6.00. On a motion by Bill Barnes to pay Peg for the postage was seconded by Les Gruver and the motion was approved.

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Bill Barnes asked that he have control and programming priviledges for the repeater. Bob Shearer the repeater trustee approved the request with him being in Florida 5& 6 months of the year that someone else should have control of the repeater.

John Rymell introduced our guest and new member, Randy Cromley, KB3COF, of RR # 1, Watsonstown.

John Rymell stated that Field Day is June 27, 28 and would be held at the repeater site using Jim Wilson call, W3KRU with his approval. Field Day designation will be 2A.

Peg Shearer asked about old bill receipts and whether or not to keep them. It was agreed that this wasn't necessary that she had her cancelled checks.

Ken Frey brought up about the establishment of setting up By-Laws for the club. It was generally agreed that this was a good idea. Ken Frey and Bill Barnes will work on a guide line of establishing a not to technical set of By-Laws and present to the club at a future date.

The Web Page has not been set up yet. Dale Brendle with the help of Bob and Peg Shearer will try to come up with some format for the Web Page for the Bald Eagle Repeater Association.

Bill Barnes mentioned that the autopatch is still coming up with no I.D. Bob Shearer stated that any member hearing it should take it down.

John Rymell suggested that the repeater site be used for contesting and special events or just a general get together at times during the year. It was generally agreed that this was a good idea.

The next regular Club meeting is scheduled for July 16, 1998 at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Bob and Peg Shearer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M. on a motion by Les Gruver and seconded by Dave Shultz.

Coffee and cake was served by Peg Shearer with a friendly get together and fellowship by everyone present.

Respectfully submitted by,



Ken Frey, WB3HOI, Secretary