

July 16, 1998

A meeting of the Bald Eagle Repeater Association was held on Thursday evening, July 16, 1998 at the home of Bob and Peg Shearer. 1138 Radio Club Road, Montoursville.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by the President, John Rvmell. Members present were: Bill Barnes, N3JIX, Dale Brendle, N3ZIO, Keith Brown, KA3RZE, Ken Frey, WR3HOI, Les Gruber, N3LEQ, Mick McBride, W3ILG, John Rvmell, N3PFF, Bob Shearer, N3AFX, Peg Shearer, N3PFE. Randy Cromley, KB3COF.

The Minutes of the May 21, 1998 meeting were read by the Secretary, Ken Frey and were approved as read on a motion by Mick McBride to accept the minutes as read was seconded by John Rvmell and they were approved.

The Treasurer report was given by the club Treasurer, Peg Shearer and reported: Balance on May 21, 1998, 835.76, Money received, 10.00 from Dale Brendle, 20.00 for dues from Randy Cromley, 10.00 dues from Jim Wilson for 1999. Total money received 40.00 for a new balance of 875.76. Paid outs totaled 144.65. The paid outs were: Bob Shearer for powerstrip and postage, 60.90, Service charges 6.00, PP&L, 25.56, Kurt Hunter for hard line fittings, 30.00, Postage, Bob Shearer, 7.00, New balance in the club treasury, 731.11. On a motion by Dale Brendle to accept the Treasurer report was seconded by Bill Barnes and the report was approved.

Old Business, Bob Shearer reported on the progress of the 09 repeater antennae. The Station Master was placed back on the tower site on June 6, 1998. The guide lines were tightened and the lawn was mowed. After the Station Master was up and everything installed there was still problems with the repeater. The Club repeater was pulled and the back up was installed. Bob reported that after about 10 days the Station Master was again having problems, so again the Station Master Antennae was taken down and the Shakespeare was put back up. Bob had Skip Smith check out both the club repeater and the back up repeater on receive and transmit alignment. The club repeater is now back at the repeater site with the Shakespeare Antennae, with output at 30 watts. The new power strip was also installed and Bob stated that one hour of service time owed to Skip Smith would be charged to the club.

John Rvmell reported that Jim Wilson was back in a Nursing Home that he had another light stroke. John stated that Jim's rotor is jamed and can not turn his antennae and that he is going to look into this and see if it can be repaired. John reported on Field Day and that the original site was changed to the County Center because of weather related problems. They operated 2D and everyone had a nice time during the period and that it was a very good operational training experience.

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New Business: Bob reported that he purchased two new hard line fittings for the repeater hard line. Bob explained in detail on the performance of the repeater at the present time and that the only area where coverage is down is in the Wellsboro area. It was generally agreed that the drop of 20 feet on the tower is probably the reason for the loss in the coverage. Buying a new Station Master and it was generally agreed would not cure the problem. Mick McBride suggested using the internet to get Pro and Con info on the Station Master. Bob reported that the back up repeater needs a new module output that the SWR is high and will shut down. Bill Barnes made a motion to purchase a spare micor for 75.00 for parts was seconded by Keith Brown and the motion was approved.

A work day was suggested at the Repeater site to do some cleaning up. Keith Brown stated he had new floor linoleum he would give to the club for use in the Repeater building. It was stated that Arthur Fritz, N3SFE, of Montgomery requested that he would like to have the old batteries at the repeater site. It was agreed that he could have them but he would have to come and pick them up. A scheduled work day was set for August 8, 1998 at 9:00 A.M.

Ken Frey requested the use of the club Gin Pole to be used to take Paul Ecks antennae and tower down on Saturday, July 18, 1998. On a motion by Bob Shearer to grant the request for the Gin Pole was seconded by Les Gruver and the motion was approved.

Bill Barnes requested that he be allowed to put a six meter repeater at the 09 repeater site on a frequency of 53.73 MHZ with a G Master Two Antennae with output of 30 or 40 watts. Bob Shearer club trustee stated that as long as it didn't interfere with the 09 repeater he had no objection. On a motion by Dale Brendle to allow Bill to put the six meter repeater at the 09 repeater site was seconded by Randy Cromley and the motion was approved.

John Rymell reported that the party's conducting business on the repeater were notified of this violation.

A Club meeting was sceduled for September 17, 1998 at 7:30 P.M. at the Clinton Township Building on Route 54 in Montgomery.

This ended all regular club business and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M. The Club By-Laws were read with changes and some corrections and should be up for approval at the next meeting.

Coffee and cake was served by Peg Shearer after a friendly and productive meeting which was held on their outside terrace. The Club again wishes to thank Bob and Peg for their hospitality and the use of their home to conduct club business.

Respectfully submitted by,


Ken Frey, Recording Secretary