

Minutes of meeting

September 30, 1998

A meeting of the Bald Eagle Repeater Association was held on Wednesday evening, September 30, 1998, at the home of Dale Brendle, N3ZIO. The scheduled meeting of September 17, 1998 was cancelled due to conflicting circumstances.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by the President, John Rymell, N3PFF. Members present were: Bill Barnes, N3JIX, Dale Brendle, N3ZIO, Geoff Forrester, WB3JQJ, Ken Frey, WB3HOI, Ryan Gross, N3SSL, Chris Lucas, N3UPQ, John Rymell, N3PFF, Dave Shultz, N3NXC and Randy Cromley, KB3COF.

The minutes of the meeting held on July 16, 1998 were read by the Secretary, Ken Frey, WB3HOI. On a motion by Ryan Gross and seconded by Geoff Forrester they were approved as read.

The Treasurer report was given by Bill Barnes, N3JIX in the absence of the Club Treasurer, Peg Shearer, N3PFE and reported:

Balance on July 16, 1998-----	\$731.11
Money received-----	\$ 80.00
Balance-----	\$811.11
Paid Outs-----	\$189.38
Balance on September 15, 1998-----	\$621.73
Money received--Dues-----	\$50.00
Donations-----	\$30.00
Total money received-----	\$80.00
Paid Outs were, Service charges-----	\$6.00
Bell Atlantic-----	\$36.78
PP&L-----	\$28.55
Bob Shearer for phone jack, Surge Protector---	\$38.05
Ken Frey for paint and supplies-----	\$80.00
Total Paid outs were-----	\$189.38

On a motion by Chris Lucas to accept the Treasurer report was seconded by Dave Shultz and was approved,

Old Business, Bill Barnes reported on the repairs made at the Repeater site on Saturday mornings of August 29, 1998 and September 12, 1998. Club members, Ken Frey, WB3HOI, Bill Barnes, N3JIX, Keith Brown, KA3RZE and Ryan Gross, N3SSL cleaned and painted the interior of the Repeater building. New linoleum was laid and the walls, ceiling and trim was painted. Contact paper placed on the large table, and general removal of needless and unwanted materials. The large batteries were removed from the building and finally disposed of by Melvin Bennett. Dale Brendle and John Rymell removed the litter that was placed behind the repeater shack. The rack that will be used to place the repeater on was painted and will be placed on the rack hopefully before winter.

The outside of the repeater building and the roof will be painted sometime next year.

Bill reported that the back-up repeater is at his QTH. It was agreed that keeping both repeaters at the repeater site was not a good idea. Bill reported that the Micor was not purchased and that Bob is looking into this in Florida.

Bill reported that the six meter repeater is installed but is not operational at the present time. There are still a couple of bugs to be worked out. The SWR is high and there is an audio hum. Work on this will be done around the end of October.

New Business, Bill Barnes reported that the SVARC will be holding a VEC exam session on October 3 at the PPL building on route 147, also they will be holding a HamFest on October 17, at the Route 15 Flea Market. The Penna QSO Party is being held on October 10,11. Bill reported that there has been automobile intrusion at the repeater site, with automobiles backing in behind the shack, there is evidence of stone damage to confirm this activity. It was suggested to place a cable across the front and that this might solve the problem. Bill stated that the Club has no Liability insurance and that for the clubs own protection, he suggested that we look into some insurance. John Rymell stated that he would look into the ARRL to see what they had to offer in coverage and cost, with a report at the next meeting. Bill suggested placing No Trespassing and Hazard, High Voltage signs at the site.

John Rymell reported that better lighting and shelving would be placed in the back room of the repeater shack. The Packet radio equipment would be placed on the shelving and this would clear the table so it could be used for other operational purposes.

Ken Frey reported on the keys for the repeater shack. There are seven keys, club members having possession of a key at the present time are: Bob Shearer, N3AFX, Melvin Bennett, KC3EH, Bill Barnes, N3JIX, John Rymell, N3PFF, Dave Shultz, N3NXC, Ken Frey, WB3HOI.

Where to hold upcoming meetings was discussed. Dale Brendle, N3ZIO agreed to hold the next three meetings at his home in the Heilman Development, RD, Montgomery on November 18, 1998, January 20, 1999, March 17, 1999. It was agreed to hold the meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

The Club BY-Laws Constitution was discussed, it was agreed that all members should have an opportunity to vote on the By-Laws. A final notice for voting will be mailed along with the November meeting notice, with a final result made at the November meeting.

Nominations for officers for 1999 fiscal year was made and a final vote to be made at the November 18 meeting.

Names that were nominated were:

PRESIDENT-----John Rymell, N3PFF, on a motion by Bill Barnes, N3JIX, and seconded by Chris Lucas, N3UPQ.

VICE-PRESIDENT-----Randy Cromley, KA3COF, on a motion by Ryan Gross, N3SSL, and seconded by John Rymell, N3PFF.

RECORDING SECRETARY-----Ken Frey, WB3HOI, on a motion by Bill Barnes, N3JIX, and seconded by Chris Lucas, N3UPQ.

TREASURER-----Peg Shearer, N3PFE, on a motion by Bill Barnes, N3JIX, and seconded by Chris Lucas, N3UPQ.

ACTIVITIES CORDINATOR-----Ryan Gross, N3SSL, on a motion by Bill Barnes, N3JIX, and seconded by Geoff Forrester, WB3JQJ, Dale Brendle, N3ZIO, on a motion by Chris Lucas, N3UPQ, and seconded by Randy Cromley, KA3COF.

TRUSTEE #1,-----Keith Brown, KA3RZE, on a motion by Bill Barnes, N3JIX, and seconded by Ken Frey, WB3HOI.

TRUSTEE # 2-----Bill Barnes, N3JIX, on a motion by Ken Frey, WB3HOI and seconded by Chris Lucas, N3UPQ.

TRUSTEE # 3,-----Bob Shearer, N3AFX, Will be appointed lifetime Trustee.

John Rymell gave a general discussion on the progress of the club and membership and monitoring bad repeater practices, and helping to correct these problems when they occur. John stated that he and Chris Lucas are working on solutions to the various problems that sometimes occur on the repeater.

This ended all regular Club business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

The Club members wish to thank Dale and his wife for the use of their home to conduct club business, and for the refreshments served after the meeting. A friendly social hour and a productive meeting was had by all present.

Respectfully submitted by,



Ken Frey, WB3HOI, Recording Secretary