

BALD EAGLE REPEATER ASSOCIATION

May 19,1999

A meeting of the Bald Eagle Repeater Association was held on Wednesday evening, May 19, 1999 at the home of Bob & Peg Shearer, 1138 Radio Club Road, Montoursville.

The meeting was called to order by Bob Shearer, acting President for tonight's meeting at 7:05pm.

Members present were: Bill Barnes, N3Jix, Keith Brown, KA3RZE, Ken Frey, WB3HOI, Ryan Gross, N3SSL, Les Gruver, N3LEQ, Bob, N3AFX and Peg, N3PFE, Shearer and Ken Swinn, N3ZCJ.

The minutes of the last meeting held March 17,1999 were read by the secretary, Ken Frey and were approved as read.

A Treasurer report was given by club treasurer, Peg Shearer and reported:

Last balance report, 7-16-98-----	\$731.11
Money taken in to date-----	\$1,062.98
Balance to date-----	\$1,794.09
Expenses paid to date-----	\$1,396.50
New balance to date 5-19-1999-----	\$ 397.52

Two bills to be paid to Lowe's for material for the Repeater site, ground rods and 70 feet of # 2 wire with a cost of 84.06. On a motion by Les Gruver to pay the bill to Lowe's was seconded by Keith Brown and the motion was approved.

Ken Frey gave an update on the Club Affiliation and read a letter of approval from the ARRL dated May 5, 1999, that our club application for affiliation with the ARRL was approved. A letter from Allen Breiner, section manager of Eastern Pennsylvania was also read stating that he would be available to come to our club meeting to present the ARRL Club Charter. It was decided that with low club attendance it would be better to have the Club Charter mailed to us directly from League Headquarters.

On Committee reports Ryan Gross stated that he would have table setup at the Wingfield Hamfest for anyone interested in selling anything. He also had a list of all the local Hamfests in our region.

Bob Shearer reported on the repeater and stated that Kurt Hunter, WB3AGC, contributed material and time for a grounding system for the repeater with an estimated value of \$1500.00 on Saturday, May 15, 1999. Club members present to help with this installation were: Bill Barnes, N3JIX, Keith Brown, KA3RZE, Bob Shearer, N3AFX, Ken Frey, WB3HOI, Marshall Welch, W3JBJ. Bob suggested that Kurt Hunter, WB3AGC be made an Honorary Member of the Bald Eagle Repeater Association. On a motion by Keith Brown to vote Kurt in as an Honorary Member was seconded by Bill Barnes and the motion was approved.

Bob stated that the new Station Master Antennae for the repeater was purchased and was delivered to his home and will be placed on the mountain at the repeater site in the near future.

Bob stated that the mess behind the repeater building should be cleaned up along with the old B&W TV that is in the building. Bob Shearer and Ken Frey will clean and pick this up on Monday morning, May 24, 1999 at 9:00am. Les Gruver gave approval to dump this in the dumpster at the Emergency Center.

Under New Business a letter of resignation as Club President from John Rymell, N3PFF was read. His resignation effective May 16, 1999. A letter of resignation from the club from Dale Brendle, N3ZIO and Randy Cromley, KB3COF effective May 17, 1999. On a motion by Ryan Gross to accept the resignations was seconded by Les Gruver and the motion was approved with one vote opposed.

A review of yearly club expenses was discussed. General operating expenses were detailed:

State Lease-----	\$ 50.00
Phone Bill-----	\$200.00
Electric Bill-----	\$200.00
Bank Service Charge-----	\$ 36.00

General expenses estimated at \$ 500.00 yearly.

Bob Shearer suggested that a yearly fee be charged to members that have equipment in use at the repeater site. On a motion by Bill Barnes to charge \$ 25.00 per year to place equipment at the repeater site with club approval was seconded by Ryan Gross and the motion was approved.

A motion by Les Gruver that only club members be allowed to place equipment at the Club Repeater site was seconded by Keith Brown and was approved.

Club Liability Insurance was discussed and Bob got a quote from one source at a cost of \$ 250.00 to \$ 300.00 per year for coverage. A letter will also be sent to ARRL for a Club Liability Insurance quote. Radio Equipment Insurance was also discussed. It was estimated that the value at the repeater site for equipment to be insured at \$1500.00. This insurance cost would be approximately \$ 27.00 per year. A letter will be sent to ARRL to get a cost estimate on this insurance.

Bob stated that he has Club equipment that he will be taking to the Bloomsburg Hamfest in June to try and sell. A few of these items are: Drake Receiver, Power Supply, Low Pass Filter, Phone Patch, Wattmeter, Frequency meter.

Bob Shearer stated that he would be sending a letter to Dale Brendle, N3ZIO and Randy Cromley, KB3COF to inquire on their reason for dropping out of the club? On a motion by Bill Barnes to send this letter of inquiry was seconded by Keith Brown and the motion was approved.

With the resignations of the Club President, John Rymell, N3PFF and the Vice-President, Randy Cromley, KB3COF, nominations were opened. Ken Frey nominated Bill Barnes for President and was seconded by Ryan Gross and there were no other nominations made and the motion was approved. On a motion by Bob Shearer to nominate Keith Brown for Vice-President was seconded by Peg Shearer and there were no other nominations made and the motion was approved.

Keith Brown asked about the trees being trimmed or possibly being cut down? Bob Shearer stated that he would call and try to get an answer on this.

Ryan Gross asked to borrow the gin pole for a couple of days and this was approved.

This ended all regular Club business and on a motion by Ken Frey to Adjourn was seconded by Peg Shearer at 9:00pm.

Refreshments were served after the meeting and a nice social hour was enjoyed by all members present. The Club Members wish to thank Bob and Peg Shearer for the use of their home and their hospitality to hold tonight's meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ken Frey, WB3HOI". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

Ken Frey, WB3HOI, Recording Secretary