

# Bald Eagle Repeater Association

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A meeting of the Bald Eagle Repeater Association was held on Wednesday evening, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2001. The Meeting was held at the home of Bob, N3AFX and Peg, N3PFE Shearers Home 1138 Radio Club Road, Montoursville, PA.

The meeting was called to order by the Club President, Jim Boose, KB3ETE at 7:05pm.

There was an introduction of all members present.

The minutes of the meeting held on March 21, 2001 were read by the Secretary, Ken Frey, WB3HOI and were approved on a motion by Keith Brown, KA3RZE and seconded by Keith Bair, KB3FCK.

The Treasurer report was given by Peg Shearer, N3PFE and reported:

**Balance 3/21/01-----671.26**

**Money Received:**

50/50 Drawing----- 13.00

Donation, Fran Burke, N3RZE----- 10.00

**Total-----23.00**

**Expenses:**

Verizon, April and May-----28.56

PPL, April and May-----29.72

**Total Expense-----58.28**

Club Dues received, Mel Bennett, KC3EH-----20.00

**New Balance 5/16/01-----655.98**

On a motion by Bill Barnes, N3JIX to accept the Treasurer report was seconded by Ryan Gross, N3SSL and the Treasurer report was approved.

**Old Business:**

Ryan Gross, N3SSL reported that the new City VHF radio system is now operational with no interference to date at the repeater site.

Bob Shearer, N3AFX explained that the Repeater will time out in 45 seconds if there is no RF present. There have been a couple club members having problems with the autopatch and Bob explained that the patch has been checked with no problems detected.

**New Business:**

A Work Day has been scheduled for Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Painting the windmill tower and cleaning up the Repeater Building and grounds is scheduled to be done. All members interested in helping are to be at the Gate on Skyline Drive at 9:00am.

Bob Shearer, N3AFX read two letters from the Department of Forrest and Water on the Gate closing on Skyline Drive. The gate may not be left unlocked when going back to the repeater site and members may only have access to the site to do work or whatever maintenance that is necessary to be done at the site, any violation of this will be denial of a key and access. Club members with keys are, Trustees, Bob Shearer, N3AFX, Bill Barnes, N3JIX, Keith Brown, KA3RZE, Club President, Jim Boose, KB3ETE and Trustee of the UHF Repeater, Ryan Gross, N3SSL.

There will be a Family Club Picnic held at the home of Bill, N3JIX and Tina Barnes in Montgomery on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.

Jim Boose, KB3ETE inquired about having voice announcements on the Repeater such as meetings, work days or any other club business. It was generally agreed that this was a good idea and Bob, N3AFX stated that he would get more information and cost on this and present it at the next Club meeting in July.

Fran Burke, N3ZHC inquired if there was interest to hold a Bunny Hunt? Fran stated he would get more information and have have a demo set up for the next meeting in July.

The yearly bill for the Club Repeater Equipment and the UHF equipment is due by June 1, 2001. The yearly bill is 75.00. The yearly bill for the Club Repeater 147.09 is \$33.50 a year, the bill for the UHF equipment at the site is \$41.50 for the year. On a motion by Bob Shearer, N3AFX to pay the bill of \$75.00 and that the UHF pay their bill of \$41.50 by June 1, 2001 or have their equipment deleted from the account was seconded by Keith Brown, KA3RZE and the motion was approved.

Fran Burke, N3ZHC inquired about accessing 911 on the auto patch if you aren't a member of the autopatch? Bob explained that the controller that is used presently on the repeater cannot be programmed just for accessing 911. A member must have the access codes for the autopatch in order to dial 911. Bob explained that in order to have this feature it would require a new controller with a cost of \$300.00.

Peg Shearer, N3PFE inquired about having the Treasurer books audited? After discussion on this it was generally agreed that it should be done. An amendment will be written up to include this in the Club Bi-Laws by Bill Barnes, N3JIX and Ken Frey, WB3HOI of the Bi-Laws committee to be presented at the next meeting in July.

This ending all Club Business the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Keith Brown, KA3RZE and seconded by Keith Bair, KB3FCK at 8:15pm.

A fifty/ fifty drawing was held with \$18.00 taken in. The winner of the drawing was Bill Barnes, N3JIX. Bill donated \$5.00 to the club. The Club received \$14.00 from the drawing and thanks Bill for his donation.

Members present at the meeting were:

Keith Bair, KA3FCK, Bill Barnes, N3JIX, Jim Boose, KB3ETE, Keith Brown, KA3RZE, Fran Burke, N3ZHC, Ken Frey, WB3HOI, Ryan Gross, N3SSL, Peg Shearer, N3PFE and Bob, N3AFX Shearer, Ken Swinn, N3ZCJ, Jim Bonnell, KB3FZL.

The Club wishes to thank Bob and Peg Shearer for the use of their home to hold the club meeting. The Club members thank Peg for the refreshments served after the meeting and a nice social hour was enjoyed by all the members present.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Frey', written over a horizontal line.

Ken Frey, WB3HOI  
Secretary, Bald Eagle Repeater Association