K3GMR GREEN MOUNTAIN REPEATER ASSOCIATION W3GMR
146.61 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 146.88

Subject: Meeting notes from Board Meeting 10/23/12
Date: 10/23/2012 3:15:32 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time

The following are the minutes from today's board meeting

GMRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 10/23/12

Called to order at 1420 hours by President Paul Freirich W3HFA
Present Rich Hartnett WA3RTH, Roy Ashlin N3JAA, Ev Bollin WA3DVO, Paul Freirich W3HFA
Excused C.T. David K3GXF
Control Operators present Bruce Crabill N3ZUY, Bill Pimble N3JBX

Minutes from Sept Board Meeting accepted

Membership report
We have 2 new members for a total of 245, exactly the same number as of this time last year. To date Roy has sent out a total of 426 membership packages for a total of 25 new members.

Tech Committee
On Oct 17 two new antennae and feedlines were installed at the top of the tank at the 146.88 site. The new Diamond antenna was installed at and connected to the existing hardline. The old antenna was moved over about six feet and connected to new coaxial cable and a Discone antenna was installed further around the tank to new coaxial cable for use as a receive only antenna for testing purposes.
Bruce Crabill N3ZUY has gone to 103 sites around the area and produced a polar plot of signal strength from the old antenna. He will repeat this process from fewer points the produce a comparison polar plot of signal strength from the new Diamond antenna vis-a-vis the old antenna. Bruce generously donated both new antennae and the feedlines for both to GMRA.

Old Business
Roy has met with Enrique, the banquet manager at Knights of Columbus with regard to our Dec 1 Annual Meeting and Luncheon. The cost this year will be up one dollar from last year to $21.00 including tax but not gratuity. The menu will be the same as last year. So far Roy has arranged for 52 door prizes for the meeting with a bit of his budget left for a few more.

New Business
The November 3 GMRA informal luncheon will be held at TJ's of Calverton. Because we asked for the convenience of separate checks the manager has asked that everyone come prepared to pay cash since credit card transactions slow down the process. Attendees will be able to order from TJ's regular menu which is extensive and varied.

The November 27 Board Meeting will also be held at TJ's.

Paul Freirich
Acting secretary

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