

K3GMR GREEN MOUNTAIN REPEATER ASSOCIATION W3GMR

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 29th. January's 2013 (January's BOD's Meeting)

Location: At The Italian Inn on MD Rt. 450 Landover, MD

Attendees: Paul Freirich W3HFA , Everett Bollin WA3DVO, Bruce Crabill N3ZUY,
Roy Ashlin N3NGA, C.T. David K3GXF,

Control Operators: Bill Pimble N3JBX,

Guests: John Hite K3SGB, Lois (Chick) Hite K3SGA, David (Dave) Black WB3KXL, Murray Green K3BEQ, William (Bill) Kisse WA3GJD,

The meeting was called to order: By Paul at 1300hrs.

Because of resignation of Richard Hartnett, WA3RTH the remaining members of the Board appointed Bruce Crabill, N3ZUY, who had previously been a Board member to fill out Rich's unexpired term. Under the By Laws members of the Board are elected at large and each January the officers are then selected by the Board. The officers for this year are

Paul Freirich W3HFA President

Everett Bollin WA3DVO First Vice President

Bruce Crabill N3ZUY Second Vice President and Technical Committee Chairman

Roy Ashlin N3NGA Treasurer and Membership Chairman

C.T. David K3GXF Secretary

Minutes: The minutes of 11/28/2012 were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was approved as presented.
The Board reviewed the latest bank statement.

Membership Report: As of 01/29/2013 the membership was 212.

Technical Report: Bruce Crabill presented the Technical Report. Both repeaters working well. The old antenna at the .88 site was replaced with a Diamond antenna. The Diamond was installed on the existing hard line while the old antenna and an additional Discone were installed on new feed lines for use as auxiliary antennae. It is a good thing this was accomplished because subsequent testing by Bruce revealed an 11:1 VSWR on the old antenna. Testing the feedline on the old antenna with a TDR indicated that the feed line is good which then indicates that the phasing harness on the old antenna has failed. Cost of a replacement wiring harness will be investigated.

The Board approved activating Echo Link on the .88 repeater for a 30 day trial period. Provided it doesn't interfere with local rag chewing that may be made permanent.

Because of his involvement with keeping Echo Link up on the .61 repeater, Murray Green K3BEQ was appointed a Control Operator for Echo Link by the board , as well as The Activities Chairman.

Bill Kisse demanded more information as to what certifications and regulations GMRA may be missing in terms of Bruce Crabill climbing the water tanks. Ev is going to investigate what the regulations are and the certifications that is needed.

There was a discussion about GMRA's Tax status, the papers we have on file states that we are 501C7 and not a 501C3 which would permit contributions to GMRA be tax deductible on individual or business reports.

Bill Kisse reimbursed GMRA for the \$899 we spent on getting the IFR1000 service monitor operational and took back the IFR1000, which he originally donated to GMRA.

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It was reported that there was a repeater available at the Hartford Hamfest that was priced at \$180.00. Ev Moved and it was seconded that Bruce with other members of the Tech Committee evaluate it and were authorized to spend up to \$200.00 for it.

Next meeting will be: 02/26/2013 at location to be decided.

The Meeting was adjourned: 1515 hrs.

**Respectfully Submitted
C. T. David Jr.
Secretary**

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