

DVRA Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes - Jan – June 2018

Jan 2018

Delaware Valley Radio Association
Minutes 7-11-18

JAN 2018
DELAWARE VALLEY RADIO ASSOCIATION
MINUTES 1-10-2018

The regular meeting of the Delaware Valley Radio Association was held at the basement of Our Lady of Good Council Church, Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton, Ewing Township, NJ.

President Steve Costanzo KC2VDL opened the meeting. Steve welcomed new officers – Treasurer Gregg Mauro K3EA and Secretary Jack Tatar K2WLD. Special thanks was given to Ron Kubinski, KC2PQC Treasurer and Lance Weight, KC2MTO Secretary for their past service. Introductions made by all attending.

The Minutes from the December meeting were emailed to the members. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Ron Kubinski KC2PQC reported: Balance: \$4422. Treasurer's report approved. Gregg Mauro K3EA assuming role of Treasure going forward.

Shack Report: Dom Di Clementi, N3DD reported: Station A is fully functional with radio and linear. Station B: The Icom 756 Pro II is fully functional. Station C: Functional with Kenwood UHF/VHF rig and the 2M /440 Yaesu FTM 400 installed. Dom notes that there are operational restrcitions to use 80 or 160m antennas at the same time. He also noted that Ham Radio Deluxe is now installed and functioning on Stations A and B. Digital modes are now installed on Station B. Additionally the door codes for the shack shall be changed Feb 1, 2018

Special note was made by Dom and Gary Wilson K2GW about the success of the recent Battle of Trenton W2T and Battle of Princeton W2P special events. Over 1000 contacts were made during this effort that involved many members of the club. These events will provide revenue for the club (already \$242 has been received).

Repeater: Repeater Director Rory Shaffer NJ3U reported all OK on the 440 and 2M.

Membership: Three new members were approved – Steve KD2OTC, Matt K2DOTG and Nicole K2DOTG.

Gary Wilson K2GW noted the recent successful Scout Merit Badge event in which 33 scouts were involved and over a dozen DVRA members helped out. Thanks to all who helped!

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Physical Plant – Hy Gold AB2VG reported that shack was “still there.” Also confirmed the need for oil for the furnace – that will be addressed within the following week. This was due to the recent extremely cold conditions and Hy’s note that the “shack has gotten more usage than ever before.” A new fuel gauge will also be installed along with a servicing of the furnace. Hy also reported that the new roof is not leaking and holding up.

Training: Director Martin Crabtree W3PR announced the VE exam on Saturday Jan 13 10 AM at the Red Cross building at 707 Alexander Road. The next one will be on March 9 at same location and same time.

HamFest: Frank Palecek KC2TKD reported that the Ham Fest is scheduled for the 3rd week in September at the same location – West Windsor Community Park.

New Business: A discussion regarding Fusion Net was tabled for the resolution at the upcoming Operations Meeting.

Program: Mario Filippi, N2HUN conducted a well received and informative presentation on "Introduction to Free to Air Satellite (FTA)."

**Respectfully submitted,
Jack Tatar, K2WLD, Secretary**

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FEB 2018

Delaware Valley Radio Association Minutes 2-14-18

President Steve Costanzo opened the regular meeting at approximately 6:34 PM. Steve welcomed every one and introductions were made by those present.

Treasurer Greg Mauro stated that the current balance is \$5,740. Dues income accounts for the change since January, minus the purchase of an antenna tuner. The club has 62 members paid so far. A fuel purchase and repayment of one-half of the roof loan are to come. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report passed.

A motion to approve the January meeting minutes as emailed to the members passed.

Radio Station: Dom DiClementi stated that March third-fourth is the ARRL DX Phone contest. He is considering multi-one class. If enough operators are there he will consider multi-two class. It looks like W2ZQ won the section for the 2017 sweepstakes. New codes were sent, if any keyholders didn't get the code please talk to Dom. Station A is fully functional with a new IC 7600, Tokyo Hy Power linear and automatic antenna tuner. Notes are posted at the shack, talk to Dom for details on high power operations / six meter operation. Station B - The Icom 756 Pro II station is fully functional. Station C - functional with Kenwood UHF/VHF rig and new FT400 installed. Antennas - Operational restriction to use only 80M or 160M antennas at one time. Lost section of 40M beam reflector found on shack roof. Internet is operational. Logging - Ham Radio Deluxe is now installed and functioning on stations A and B. Updated LoTW with contest logs. Digital - Digital modes are now installed on stations A and B using HRD. J(oe) T(aylor) modes need software. Stations A and B headsets are particular to their respective station.

Repeater: Rory reported that both repeaters are up and running. No recent issues were noticed. A setup for announcements [software to come] is planned for the two meter repeater. *** Note that the two meter repeater works analog / C4FM > analog and the 70 centimeter repeater works C4FM > C4FM. *** Rory is working with Mark Juza on computer issues. Thanks to club members for a nice two meter tower installation, no issues were noticed.

Physical Plant: Hy said that the mechanic is coming on February 15. Fuel oil is now provided by Princeton Oil, the best of three pricewise.

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Training and Exams: Martin Crabtree is currently running a technician class on Friday evenings at the Red Cross with six students. The next exam is March ninth at 10 AM at the Red Cross in Princeton. Are any VE's available?

Membership: Lance Weight said that a dozen invitation letters were sent out to hams in SNJ, NNJ and EPA.

Website: Anthony Giancarli met with Mark Juza to gain knowledge about the site. He posted Mario Filippi's presentation under the "Documents" tab. He is getting used to the site and calendar. Some improvements are to come. The group discussed improvement suggestions.

Special Events: Steve Costanzo said the Tour De Cure is scheduled for June 2 in Princeton. The location is to be announced. Anyone interested in participating in the TDC should please talk to Steve.

Programs: Steve Deluca will present "Intro to Drones" this evening.

Old Business: The group discussed whether to obtain crushed stone for the shack driveway or to wait until things dry out. President Steve said we'll have to see how it dries out. The Penn Wireless club is helping with net activity on the 70 centimeter repeater.

New Business: A motion to approve Paul Mondok KD2KBZ as a new member passed. Also, a motion to approve new licensees Kathy DeRenzy KD2OZV and Michael Scotto KD2OZX from The College of New Jersey's program passed.

***** Note:** A Pepper Net luncheon will take place Saturday at the Town and Country Diner at 12 PM.

Sickness and Distress: Get well soon to Bob KB2GBQ who is home with the flu and Gary and Jill Wilson who have colds.

The meeting was closed at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Kubinski

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MAR 2018

Delaware Valley Radio Association
Minutes 3-14-18

President Steve Costanzo opened the regular meeting at approximately 6:34 PM. Steve welcomed every one and introductions were made by those present.

Treasurer Greg Mauro stated that the current balance is \$5,473. Payment for the half of the amount of the short term loan for roof repairs to the four members who loaned money was made. The club has 63 members paid so far. Sales of \$1,010 of DVRA equipment was made at the recent Cherryville Hamfest – thanks to those who handled that! A motion to approve the Treasurer's report passed.

A motion to approve the February meeting minutes as emailed to the members passed (special thanks to Ron K. for filling on Secretary duties).

Radio Station: Our Station Manager, Dom DiClementi provided yet another comprehensive report on the operations of the DVRA Shack:

- Activities – Ran successful ARRL International DX Phone contest (48 hour event) with 683 Q's and 506k points. Dom was proud that the club had made "a very good showing." He also pointed out that the shack has fully manned on all advertised Open Shack times and that a club sponsored Open House will be held in August.
- Stations – Station A and B are fully functional. Station C is functional with the Kenwood UHF/VHF rig and new FTM 400 installed.
- Antennas – There remains an operational restriction to use only 80 or 160m antennas at the same time. Recent storms have resulted in a lost section of 40m Beam reflector (found on shack roof) and a lost section of South Tower Beam reflector.
- Internet – operational
- Logging – Ham Radio Deluxe (HRD) has been installed and functioning on Station A and B. Updates have been made to LoTW with contest logs. Members are encouraged to use this software when running Shack rigs.
- Digital – Digital modes are now installed on Station A and B using HRD. The Panadapter with HSDR is now functional and WSJT is now installed on Station B.

Repeater: Rory reported that both repeaters are up and running. A setup for announcements has been implemented and runs at the top and every half hour promoting the club and its activities. Repeater: Rory reported that both repeaters are up and running. A setup for announcements has been implemented and runs at the top and every half hour promoting the club and its activities. Rory also noted that the 440 meter is up and running and members were encouraged to use the Fusion Net.

Physical Plant: Hy reported that the furnace was serviced this month and should be done once every 2 years.

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Membership: 3 applications for new members were received. Joe Zaroff– WA3NEQ; Tullio Dellaquilla– KD2KCG and Joy Meadows who is working on her license. Of special note, Tullio passed his extra exam on Saturday. Welcome to all!

Training and Exams: Martin Crabtree reported (via email) that a license exam session on Saturday, March 10th took place with 11 test takers. Ten of the eleven test takers obtained/upgraded their licenses:

7 New Technicians / 1 New General (passed Tech & General test) / 1 Upgrade to General / 1 Upgrade to Extra

Martin wanted to thank Alex Flinsch, AB2RC and Bruce Wortmann, N3IA for assisting with the licensing session. The next license testing session will be held on Saturday, May12th at 10AM at the Princeton Red Cross.

Special Events: Steve Costanzo noted an upcoming Walkathon for April 29 needed 6 volunteers were from 8:30 – 11:30 am. Anyone interested in participating should please talk to Steve. You only need an HT.

Programs: Dom DiClementi ventured all the way from Pennsylvania and was able to navigate over the construction taking place over the Delaware River to present on “Ham Radio Deluxe” this evening.

Sickness and Distress: Get well soon to Bruce Fletcher who is having kidney issues.

The meeting was closed at 7:30 PM.

73,
Jack Tatar, Secretary
K2WLD

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APR 2018

**Delaware Valley Radio Association
Minutes 4-11-18**

Vice President Rory Shaffer called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 PM. Introductions were made. President Steve Costanzo asked for the Treasurer's report.

Treasurer Greg Mauro stated that the current balance is \$5,269. Recent expenses include \$1,000 repayment of half of the roof loan, burner maintenance and one coffee pot replacement. Recent intake includes monies raised from selling club equipment at a hamfest and dues collected from new members. We currently have 71 members. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Dom DiClementi and seconded by Hy Gold. The motion passed.

Radio Station: Dom DiClementi reported that the results from the October 2017 CQWW DX Phone show W2ZQ in first place for call district two. The next shack activity is the open house in August. The shack has been manned on all advertised times. Station A is fully functional with the new Icom 7600/Tokyo Hy Power linear/automatic antenna tuner. Station B, The Icom 756 Pro II station is fully functional. Station C is functional with the Kenwood UHF/VHF rig and the new FTM 400 installed. Antenna operation restriction continues, use only 80M or 160M antennas at one time. The lost section of the 40M beam reflector was found on the shack roof. The South tower beam lost it's reflector during a storm. The internet is operational. Ham Radio Delux is now installed and functioning on stations A and B. Logbook of the World is updated with contest logs. Digital modes are now installed on station A and B using Ham Radio Delux. A Panadapter with HSDR is now functional on station B. WSJT is now installed on station B.

Note: The DVRA is looking into gravel for Hy's area. The club is also looking into a man-lift for antenna repair. A suggestion was made to check the recent antenna installation [North tower] and make adjustments if needed.

Repeater: Rory Shaffer reported that announcements are occurring on the two meter repeater. A cooling fan has been installed in the two meter repeater cabinet and power has been turned down. A marine battery with a power supply is connected to the two meter repeater. Nothing has changed on the 70 centimeter repeater.

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***** The Pepper Net is on the two meter repeater every night at 10 PM. A net is run on the 70 centimeter repeater on Tuesdays at 8 PM. *****

Physical Plant: Hy Gold reported that an LED area light is in use, if it works out the club may get more. Equipment was sold at the Cherryville hamfest, the next hamfest is an opportunity to move more stuff out of the furnace room.

Training and Exams: Martin Crabtree said that the next exam is May 12 at 10 AM at the Princeton Red Cross.

Membership: Lance Weight sent an email reporting that seven invitation letters were sent out to new hams.

Website: Anthony Giancarli said that there have been adjustments to the website photos and that statistics corrections have been made. He reported that an old photo album is to be added to the website. He said that an email to the webmaster turned out to be a request for a young man who is blind. He was introduced to a ham who is also blind (Stan KC2JRJ, the DVRA club President of 2005). Stan will mentor the young man.

Special Events: Steve Costanzo said the March of Dimes event will be at Mercer County Park on April 29. Thanks to those who have volunteered so far. *** Food is available after the event. *** Also, May 6 is the Warminster hamfest (and Eastern Pennsylvania Conference).

Programs: Gary Wilson said that tonight's presentation is by Bob Beyer KE2D, who will talk about remote amateur radio station operation. May's presentation will be by John Pugh on ARES/RACES/Skywarn and in June club member Cliff Green WA2TMF will talk about ARRL Field Day.

Old Business: The club is looking into equipment insurance, this will be discussed at the next operations planning meeting.

New Business: Three new members were voted in. They are John Stewart WA2FGD, Andrew Orsini K2AFO and Sridhar Adurti KD2PHX.

Sickness and Distress: Our prayers go out to those who are not well.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Kubinski

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MAY 2018

The minutes are as follows:

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Treasurer Greg Mauro called the DVRA monthly meeting to order at approximately 6:38 PM. Introductions were made. Welcome guests!

Radio Station: Gary Wilson reported that the two meter repeater is fine. Announcements coming from the Kenwood TS-6000 may be done on another machine. Ground improvements may be needed at station C.

The group discussed the two meter repeater power situation.

Membership: Lance Weight said seven invitation letters were sent out to new Southern New Jersey hams and that more are to come for Eastern Pennsylvania and Northern New Jersey.

Physical Plant: Hy Gold said that this Saturday is "second Saturday" and that Anthony Giancarli is working on purchasing gravel. Club members are required to prep for gravel improvements on the shack parking area.

The group discussed stone required; type, quantity etc. The group discussed what help is needed for Saturday and for future stone project milestones. The group discussed the stone project budget.

Greg Mauro said that the operations planning meeting is May 22nd and that this would be a good time to discuss some of the details [of the above issues].

Action item: Hy Gold to inquire with Rory Shaffer regarding installing the security light replacement.

Special Events: The March of Dimes went well, six or seven volunteers took part in the event. *** The NJ State Triathlon is in June. It is an important event for the club. *** Frank Palecek is looking into securing the same location as last year for the DVRA hamfest. It is planned for the third weekend in September. Field Day is June 23rd and 24th and will be at Mercer County Park. August 12th is the date for the DVRA open house at the club shack.

Programs: Tonight's program is ARES/RACES/Skywarn by John Pugh. June will be Field Day planning and there are two possibilities for July.

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Treasurer's Report: Greg Mauro reported that the last balance was \$5,269 and that the current balance is \$5,727. Expenses include insurance and miscellaneous \$250 for the repeater and supplies. Surplus equipment sold for almost \$1,000 last month. The DVRA has 77 members (with many new members in the past eight months).

Website: Anthony Giancarli said that clarifications were made to directions to the club shack including GPS data.

The group discussed internet options for the future. There aren't many reasonable options, but there may be an opportunity in conjunction with the DOT in the future.

Old Business: Anthony Giancarli made a motion to approve the minutes from April.

A motion to adjourn was made by Greg Mauro at approximately 7:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Kubinski

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