

DVRA Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes – Jan-June 2020

January 2020

DVRA January Membership Meeting was called to order by President Dom DiClementi, N3DD on January 8, 2020 at 6:32 pm EST.

President's Report (Dom DiClementi, N3DD) - Goals for 2020 are as follows:

- Increase membership
- Increase attendance at meetings
- Increase Shack usage
- Increase 2M/440 activity

Also, would like to see DVRA win the QSO party (Sept), fix 2m repeater, distribute new survey among members to continue to monitor feedback and interests

Accomplishments for 2019:

- CW training
- Operator's Club
- Antenna committee

Directors for 2020 were appointed:

- Cliff – Programs
- Tullio – Membership
- Dom – Radio Station
- Rory – Repeater
- Matt – PIO
- Martin – Training
- Hy and Mario – Physical Plant
- Anthony – Website
- Steve – Special Events

Vice President's Report (Rory Shaffer, NJ3U) - Recognition of EME station setup, **thanks to Paul (W2HRO)**- one of the few in the country; TechNet and New Ham Nets were 2019 accomplishments; repair of 40 meters beam

Secretary's Report (Jack Tatar, K2WLD) - Meeting notes from Dec 2019 were approved as posted on the Google groups reflector. Also, reminded members that meeting notes from each month's Ops/Director's meetings are available for review at the Shack as per By-Laws.

Treasurer's Report (Greg Mauro, K3EA) – Current club balance at \$6,704. Income of \$1,726 (dues) and expenses of \$600 (fuels and utilities). Upcoming expenses will primarily be utilities. More revenue from dues and from the W2T and W2P events. Treasurer's report approved.

Facilities - Hy Gold, AB2VG – Be very very quiet at the shack, Hy and Mario are hunting mice!

Membership - Tullio - 4 new members were approved for membership:

Nicholas Maggio, WB3ARC

Chris Parnell, ZL1CDP

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Wayne Davis, WA2WD
Raymond Camp, KD2JBM

The DVRA 90th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2020 at Tessara Restaurant in Hamilton, NJ. More info will be forthcoming to all members.

Programs (Cliff Green, WA2TMF) – Rory will be presenting on WiresX this month and Greg will be covering SDR next month.

Public Information Officer (Matt Robb, KD2OTG) – Please see attached file for Matt's recent communication on 2019 year-end PIO results

Training (Martin Crabtree, W3PR) – VE testing session will be held this Saturday, Jan 11 - thanks to Andy and Earl for helping out. A Technician training class will be starting with a March 14 testing date.

Special Events (Steve Costanzo, KC2VDL) – Nothing to report at this time.

Station (Dom DiClementi, N3DD) –

- Special kudos to the EME setup which resides at the station - Major Tom said hi!
- The Special Events stations W2T and W2P commemorating the Revolutionary War battles of Trenton and Princeton provided over 2,000 QSOs. Special thanks to Mike R for his computerized process implementation that streamlined and promoted the event!
- In April to celebrate the 90th anniversary of DVRA, we will be operating at W2ZQ/90

Repeater (Rory Shaffer, NJ3U) –

- All repeaters are up and running and fully operational
- Continue to work through 2 meter repeater “crackling noise” problem.
- Used the 440 unit for recent Scouting activity with much satisfaction from all involved.

New/Old Business -

- The antenna committee announced that they have an antenna analyzer available for members. Please check reflector or ask Greg for more info
- Radio Merit Badge Day was held at the College of New Jersey on January 4th and thanks to all who participated - Gary Wilson, K2GW

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm ET.

Next membership meeting is Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 6:30 pm ET at Incarnation Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Tatar, K2WLD

DVRA Secretary

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DVRA PIO Status Update – Dec 2019 (Year-End)

• 2019 Accomplishments:

- Created all Ops Club and Presenter certificates
- Monthly email communications to 1000+ hams
- Promoted use of Google Groups through several emails containing directions on how to participate
- Regular cadence of sending press releases of our events to local media sources. Only significant achievement is regular inclusion in the US1 Newspaper calendar of events
- Various website maintenance and config tasks.
- Open House Picnic promotion ... a successful event
- Major overhaul to club's QRZ.com page

• 2020 Focus:

- Check on progress with Anthony in early Jan on updates to DVRA logo; otherwise, Matt can find a designer on Etsy for ~\$50-\$75 with a 10-day turnaround
- Matt to continue progress creating 90th anniversary video and photo slideshow – will finalize in March
- More member involvement to website – submitting photos, videos, and articles
- Better planning/proactiveness on utilizing our monthly email mailings to members and non-members
- Promote more club meetings in local town/yard sale Facebook groups to raise awareness of our events



Net changes from 22-Oct-2019 to 17-Dec-2019

- +106 FB Followers in 2019
- + 49 Twitter Followers in 2019
- +205 IG Followers in 2019
- +929 Email Followers in 2019

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February 2020

DVRA February Membership Meeting was called to order by President Dom DiClementi, N3DD on February 12, 2020 at 6:39 pm EST.

Secretary's Report (Jack Tatar, K2WLD) - Meeting notes from Jan 2020 were approved as posted on the Google groups reflector. Also, reminded members that meeting notes from each month's Ops/Director's meetings are available for review at the Shack as per By-Laws.

Treasurer's Report (Greg Mauro, K3EA) – Current club balance at \$8,306. Income of \$1,954 (dues, sales, W2T/W2P) and expenses of \$353 (fuels and utilities). Upcoming expenses will primarily be utilities. Currently, 117 members with 95 paid and 22 unpaid. On Sunday, March 1 at 1pm there will be a sale of surplus equipment at the shack for members. Cherryville Hamfest is upcoming on March 14 and the club will get a table to sell more surplus equipment. Treasurer's report approved.

Facilities - Hy Gold, AB2VG – No traffic. (Spoiler alert - upcoming installation of new light at the shack)

Membership - Tullio - 4 new members were approved for membership:

Matthew Kreigler, KD2TGA

Justin Levitt

Leon Pulsinelle

Michael Myrick, KC3JXR

The DVRA 90th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2020 at Tessara Restaurant in Hamilton, NJ. More info will be forthcoming to all members.

Programs (Cliff Green, WA2TMF) – Greg will be presenting on Software Defined Radio this month and next month TBD. Working on a club survey.

Public Information Officer (Matt Robb, KD2OTG) –

Mid-Jan through Mid-Feb focus has been on following items:

- 1.) Preparing/communicating the DVRA 90th Banquet with Cliff and Tullio
- 2.) Preparing the membership survey with Cliff and Tullio
- 3.) Preparing for the video slideshow / animation to be available for the DVRA 90th Banquet
- 4.) Marketing our club meetings to social media and media contacts, Jan. email newsletter, etc.

Upcoming Focus:

- 1.) Resume work on the membership survey
- 2.) Continue working on the video slideshow / animation for the DVRA 90th Banquet
- 3.) Marketing our club meetings to social media and media contacts, etc.

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Training (Martin Crabtree, W3PR) – Technician training class in progress with a March 14 testing date (4 participants). Next New Ham Net on 2nd Tuesday of March. New VE - Rich, N2EHL

Special Events (Steve Costanzo, KC2VDL) – Volunteers need for March of Dimes event scheduled on April 26 and NJ State Triathlon on July 18/19 - both events at Mercer County Park.

Station (Dom DiClementi, N3DD) –

- Special kudos to the EME setup which resides at the station - Thanks to Paul and he's looking for members to get involved so please reach out to Paul to start bouncing on the moon!
- The Special Events stations W2T and W2P commemorating the Revolutionary War battles of Trenton and Princeton just about done. Thanks to all who helped.
- Upcoming ARRL DX contest on March 7/8. Come to shack and be part of the fun!
- In April to celebrate the 90th anniversary of DVRA, we will be operating at W2ZQ/90

Repeater (Rory Shaffer, NJ3U) –

- All repeaters are up and running and fully operational
- Continue to work through 2 meter repeater "noise" problems - reconfiguring antenna and continued troubleshooting.
- Any problems encountered by members, please email or text Rory.

New/Old Business -

- The antenna committee announced that they have an antenna analyzer available for members. Please check reflector or ask Greg for more info
- TechNet Sunday nights @ 9 pm on the 2M repeater. All members are encouraged to join the fun. You don't want to miss the DX Report, sponsored by FlexSeal.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm ET.

Next membership meeting is Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 6:30 pm ET at Incarnation Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Tatar, K2WLD

DVRA Secretary

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March 2020

As we're all aware, the current Covid-19 crisis is impacting our ability to gather at the Shack (current closed) and at upcoming meetings. We will keep everyone updated on the Google Group reflector for updates. Please stay safe everyone and practice social distancing. For more information, visit <http://Coronavirus.gov>

DVRA March Membership Meeting was called to order by President Dom DiClementi, N3DD on March 11, 2020 at 6:40 pm EST.

Secretary's Report (Jack Tatar, K2WLD) - Meeting notes from Feb 2020 were approved as posted on the Google groups reflector. Also, reminded members that meeting notes from each month's Ops/Director's meetings are available for review at the Shack as per By-Laws (as the Shack is closed, upon reopening, all meeting notes will be provided).

Treasurer's Report (Greg Mauro, K3EA) – Current club balance at \$8,945. Income of \$1,025 (dues, sales, W2T/W2P, banquet revenue) and expenses of \$389 (postage and utilities). Currently, 120 members with 100 paid and 20 unpaid. Treasurer's report approved.

Facilities - Hy Gold, AB2VG – Hy is looking into getting a work party together (this will be contingent on when it's proper to return to shack). A new light was installed as Hy held the ladder and Greg installed.

Membership - Tullio - 3 new members were approved for membership:

Steve Sevchuk, KD2TKA

Glen Brucks, KC3INP

Debbie Brucks, KC3KEO

Members with access to Facebook are reminded to visit the DVRA Facebook page.

Due to the current situation, the DVRA 90th Anniversary Celebration will need to be rescheduled. More info will be forthcoming to all members.

Programs (Cliff Green, WA2TMF) – Cliff organized a swap meet at this month's meeting. Prior to the need to suspend in-person meetings, Cliff had proposed the following schedule of programs (all have been postponed):

- Foxhunt - Glen would do a seminar at the Shack and an antenna build would also be conducted on March 28
- Breakfast - members were invited to attend a member breakfast on March 29 at the Town & Country Diner at 10 am
- April 18 - DVRA 90th Anniversary Banquet at Tessara's in Ewing
- May meeting - Glen would be introducing a presentation from a friend on Pedestrian Mobile
- June meeting - Chris would do a presentation on SDR Monitoring of Weather Satellites

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A reminder that the Sunday Night Tech Net is held every Sunday night on 144.670 at 9 pm - You don't want to miss Cliff's DX Report!! It's also a great way to connect with other members during this time and let everyone know that you're doing OK.

Website (Anthony Giancarli, KD2NHG)

1. New Posts over the last month:
 - a. DVRA welcomes four new members in February
 - b. DVRA to host amateur radio direction finding workshop on March 28th
 - c. Join DVRA club members in the 1st Fox Hunt on April 11th
 - d. Join DVRA members for Sunday Brunch at Town & Country Diner Mar 29th
2. March Email blast sent out this month included the following notices besides those listed above:
 - a. DVRA 90th banquet
 - b. New Ham Net reminder
 - c. List of upcoming exam sessions
 - d. List of upcoming events
3. Member Roster website lists 117 members
4. Email blast set out to encourage members to join the Google membership group with instructions on how to register.

Training (Martin Crabtree, W3PR) – Technician training class concluded with a March 14 testing date. Next New Ham Net on 2nd Tuesday of April. Martin is working with TCNJ students who are doing a solar car event and are interested in gaining their Ham licenses. Thanks to Martin for his great work with the students and promoting ham radio!

Special Events (Steve Costanzo, KC2VDL) – Volunteers need for March of Dimes event scheduled on April 26 (since cancelled) and NJ State Triathlon on July 18/19 - both events at Mercer County Park.

Station (Dom DiClementi, N3DD) –

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- Special kudos to the EME setup which resides at the station - Thanks to Paul and he's looking for members to get involved so please reach out to Paul to start bouncing on the moon!
- Had a successful ARRL DX contest on March 7/8. The 579 Qs were regarding by Dom as "good numbers" (high praise from a contest vet and always supportive DVRA Contest coach)
- In April to celebrate the 90th anniversary of DVRA, we will be operating at W2ZQ/90

Repeater (Rory Shaffer, NJ3U) –

- All repeaters are up and running and fully operational
- 2 meter seems to be working properly
- Adjustment made to Wires-X in order to limit receiving communication from foreign language stations
- Any problems encountered by members, please email or text Rory.

New/Old Business -

- The Core Creek event was scheduled for Saturday May 9 - always a good time for food and friendship (will keep members posted on new date if/when appropriate)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm ET.

As per ARRL and State guidelines, in-person membership meetings are suspended until further notice. The Executive Team is considered options for keeping members updated including a possible Net and/or video services such as Zoom - stay tuned to the Google Groups reflector for more info.

If any member needs assistance or support during this trying and stressful time, please feel free to reach out to the Board and members. We're here to help our fellow members as we can. Please use the repeaters to stay in touch and let us know you're doing OK!!

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Tatar, K2WLD

DVRA Secretary

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April 2020

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Through the use of the Zoom virtual meeting platform, the DVRA April Membership Meeting was called to order by President Dom DiClementi, N3DD on April 15, 2020 at 7:00 pm EST.

Secretary's Report (Jack Tatar, K2WLD) - Meeting notes from March 2020 were approved as posted on the Google groups reflector. Also, reminded members that meeting notes from each month's Ops/Director's meetings are available for review at the Shack as per By-Laws (as the Shack is closed, upon reopening, all meeting notes will be provided).

Treasurer's Report (Greg Mauro, K3EA) – Current club balance at \$8,534. Income came from dues & banquet revenue and expenses of approx. \$800 (postage and utilities). Currently, 100 paid members. Treasurer's report approved.

Facilities - There have been a number of members with access who have been to shack and note that all is good there. Any one visiting the shack is reminded to wear masks and follow all appropriate guidelines.

Membership - Tullio - 2 new members were approved for membership:

Joe Markowitz, AJ2OE

Fred Muller, KC3PDO

Members with access to Facebook are reminded to visit the DVRA Facebook page.

Due to the current situation, the DVRA 90th Anniversary Celebration will need to be rescheduled. More info will be forthcoming to all members.

Programs (Cliff Green, WA2TMF) – As this was a virtual meeting, there was no program. Prior to the need to suspend in-person meetings, the following programs were identified but are now on hold:

Foxhunt - Glen would do a seminar at the Shack and an antenna build would also be conducted on March 28

Breakfast - members were invited to attend a member breakfast on March 29 at the Town & Country Diner at 10 am

April 18 - DVRA 90th Anniversary Banquet at Tessara's in Ewing

DEPENDING ON LIFTING OF IN-PERSON GUIDELINES AND/OR ABILITY TO DO ONLINE, the following constitute a potential schedule:

June meeting - Glen would be introducing a presentation from a friend on Pedestrian Mobile

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July meeting - Chris would do a presentation on SDR Monitoring of Weather Satellites

August - Open House and Picnic

October - DVRA Jeopardy - Cliff notes that there is work being done to ensure that we maintain the same high level of judging quality from last year's competition.

November - OPEN

December - Holiday Party

A reminder that the Sunday Night Tech Net is held every Sunday night on 144.670 at 9 pm - You don't want to miss Cliff's DX Report!! It's also a great way to connect with other members during this time and let everyone know that you're doing OK.

Website (Anthony Giancarli, KD2NHG) - appropriate notifications regarding cancelled events have been listed on website. A reminder that the Marketplace section on the website is there for members to buy and sell equipment

PIO (Matt Robb, KD2OTG) - Matt asks that members check out Steve Gingo's 90th Anniversary teaser video ("He did a fantastic job!") The only video testimonial received was from Ria Jairam, N2RJ, the ARRL Hudson Division

Chief. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F6ueAYlqhBU&feature=youtu.be>

Training (Martin Crabtree, W3PR) – All training on hold. Martin notes that the new Extra question pool goes into effect on July 1.

Special Events (Steve Costanzo, KC2VDL) – Steve is monitoring the potential rescheduling of the March of Dimes event and the NJ State Triathlon is still on for July 18/19 but Steve is confirming - both events at Mercer County Park.

Station (Dom DiClementi, N3DD) –

Although there is LIMITED in-person use of shack, all stations working well. Dom reminds that IF you do go to Shack, there is a limit of only 2 at a time!

Repeater (Rory Shaffer, NJ3U) –

All repeaters are up and running and fully operational

2 meter seems to be working properly

Any problems encountered by members, please email or text Rory.

Steve reports that the Distinguished Pepper Net (at 10 pm every night) has noted and appreciates the high quality of the repeater!

If any member needs assistance or support during this trying and stressful time, please feel free to reach out to the Board and members. We're here to help our fellow members as we can. Please use the repeaters to stay in touch and let us know you're doing OK!!

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May 2020

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Through the use of the Zoom virtual meeting platform, the DVRA May Membership Meeting was called to order by President Dom DiClementi, N3DD on May 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm EST. *NOTE: Members are requested to upgrade to Zoom 5.0 for access to all meetings going forward until further notice.*

Secretary's Report (Jack Tatar, K2WLD) - Meeting notes from April 2020 were approved as posted on the Google groups reflector. Also, reminded members that meeting notes from each month's Ops/Director's meetings are available for review at the Shack as per By-Laws (as the Shack is closed, upon reopening, all meeting notes will be provided).

Treasurer's Report (Greg Mauro, K3EA) – April club balance at \$8,534. May club balance at \$8,422. Income came from dues (thanks to Jorge) and expenses of approx. \$161 (internet and utilities). Currently, 103 paid members. Treasurer's report approved.

Facilities - There have been a number of members with access who have been to shack and note that all is good there. Any one visiting the shack is reminded to wear masks and follow all appropriate guidelines. Also, as per by-laws and good club practice, all members entering the shack MUST sign in! Gary K2GW has mowed the lawn and a request is made for members to sign up for a spot to spread the mowing duties around. Please see info on the website or contact Mario for more information and to sign up.

Membership - Tullio - 1 new member was approved for membership:
Jorge Godoy, KC2HMD

Members with access to Facebook are reminded to visit the DVRA Facebook page.

Programs (Cliff Green, WA2TMF) – Although this was a virtual meeting, the club was fortunate to have Martin Crabtree W3PR provide an illuminating and informative presentation on Edwin Howard Armstrong (<https://www.w2zq.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Edwin-Howard-Armstrong.pdf>) Thanks to Martin for yet another wonderful presentation!

Cliff has targeted the following programs for the future but this could change given the current precautions and situation:

June meeting - Bob Famiglio from our local ARRL leadership will present

July meeting - Glen's friend on Pedestrian Mobile

August - Open House and Picnic

Sept - DVRA Banquet (proposed but not finalized)

October - DVRA Jeopardy - Cliff is negotiating with Flex Seal to sponsor the event. Stay tuned.

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November - OPEN

December - Holiday Party

A reminder that the Sunday Night Tech Net is held every Sunday night on 144.670 at 9 pm - You don't want to miss Cliff's DX Report!! It's also a great way to connect with other members during this time and let everyone know that you're doing OK.

Website (Anthony Giancarli, KD2NHG) - Updated featured posts and all appropriate notifications regarding cancelled events have been listed on website. A reminder that the Marketplace section on the website is there for members to buy and sell equipment. Anthony also notes that members should partake in the extensive supply of documents on the site, including past presentations and previous DVRA Wireless Hill Beacon newsletters back to 2013.

Training (Martin Crabtree, W3PR) – All training on hold. Martin notes that the new Extra question pool goes into effect on July 1. Martin has noted that he is closely watching the current guidelines as he plans a potential testing date upcoming. Please watch the Reflector for more details.

Special Events (Steve Costanzo, KC2VDL) – Steve is monitoring the potential rescheduling of the March of Dimes event and the NJ State Triathlon is still on for July 18/19 but Steve notes that a meeting will be held by event leadership soon to confirm or postpone - both events at Mercer County Park.

Station (Dom DiClementi, N3DD) –

Although there is LIMITED in-person use of shack, all stations working well. Dom reminds that IF you do go to Shack, there is a limit of only 2 at a time! The prez is monitoring current information and guidelines for Field Day. You can be assured that if a contest is involved, Dom will get us involved and let the club know what's planned - watch the Reflector for more info.

Repeater (Rory Shaffer, NJ3U) –

All repeaters are up and running and fully operational
2 meter seems to be working properly - a recent issue regarding digital transmission on repeater was corrected by Greg.
Any problems encountered by members, please email or text Rory.

If any member needs assistance or support during this trying and stressful time, please feel free to reach out to the Board and members. We're here to help our fellow members as we can. Please use the repeaters to stay in touch and let us know you're doing OK!!

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Through the use of the Zoom virtual meeting platform, the DVRA June Membership Meeting was called to order by President Dom DiClementi, N3DD on June 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm EST. *NOTE: Members are requested to upgrade to Zoom 5.0 for access to all meetings going forward until further notice.*

Secretary's Report (Jack Tatar, K2WLD) - Meeting notes from May 2020 were approved as posted on the Google groups reflector. Also, reminded members that meeting notes from each month's Ops/Director's meetings are available for review at the Shack as per By-Laws (as the Shack is closed, upon reopening, all meeting notes will be provided).

NOTE: At the recent Operations meeting, Jack recommended that a task force be formed to review the current By-Laws and make a review/report to the entire membership on current status and any recommendations regarding the DVRA By-Laws. Jack will be seeking a small number of members to assist with this short-term task force at the next DVRA membership meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Greg Mauro, K3EA) – May club balance at \$8,422. June club balance at \$8,323 (includes \$1,220 in escrow for Banquet). Income came from Amazon Smile revenue and expenses (internet and utilities). Currently, 105 paid members. Treasurer's report approved.

Facilities - Anyone visiting the shack is reminded to wear masks and follow all appropriate guidelines. Also, as per by-laws and good club practice, all members entering the shack **MUST** sign in! The mowing schedule has been set and we thank all those members who have signed up for a spot to spread the mowing duties around.

Membership - Tullio - 2 new members will be provided to leadership approval prior to full approval at next membership meeting. Members with access to Facebook are reminded to visit the DVRA Facebook page.

Programs (Cliff Green, WA2TMF) – Although this was a virtual meeting, the club was fortunate to have Bob Famiglio from our local ARRL leadership present on current and future ARRL matters. Thanks to Bob for taking the time!

Cliff has targeted the following programs for the future but this could change given the current precautions and situation:

July meeting - Cliff will be presenting on "The Russian Woodpecker"

August - Open House and Picnic

Sept - DVRA Banquet (proposed but not finalized)

October - DVRA Jeopardy

November - Bob Hecht - "Communication in Vietnam"

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December - Holiday Party

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Website (Anthony Giancarli, KD2NHG) - Updated featured posts including Field Day activities and all appropriate notifications regarding cancelled events have been listed on website. A reminder that the Marketplace section on the website is there for members to buy and sell equipment.

PIO (Matt Robb, KD2OTG) - No significant PIO updates in last or current month due to COVID-19 restrictions

Matt continues to refresh additions / removals of items for sale on the W2ZQ.com/marketplace page

- Cliff WA2TMF sold a complete ICOM station
- Gary K2GW sold a gable mount
- Tullio K2PCG listed a Yaesu repeater

Matt continues to harmonize new website post subscribers with the Constant Contact mailing list to keep the two lists updated. Matt published and promoted the Jun 10th monthly meeting advertisement

Training (Martin Crabtree, W3PR) – Martin is implementing a testing session on July 11 that will adhere to Covid-19 guidelines. Please see the website and reflector for full details. Martin notes that the new Extra question pool goes into effect on July 1.

Special Events (Steve Costanzo, KC2VDL) – Steve is monitoring the potential rescheduling of the March of Dimes event and at the meeting Steve noted that the NJ State Triathlon is still on for July 18/19 but soon after, Steve informed membership that event leadership postponed the event at this time. He will let the club know when he has more details on next year's event.

Station (Dom DiClementi, N3DD) –

Although there is LIMITED in-person use of shack, all stations working well. Dom reminds that IF you do go to Shack, there is a limit of only 2 at a time! Dom informed the club that Field Day will include a local contest among the clubs in our area - full details will be on the website.

Members may work from their home and provide points for contacts to the club count for this fun contest.

Repeater (Rory Shaffer, NJ3U) –

All repeaters are up and running and fully operational

Rory has posted an updated Repeater Talk to all members that discusses the best practices and functionality around Wires-X.

Any problems encountered by members, please email or text Rory.

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Our next Membership Meeting will be July 8, 2020 at 7 pm via Zoom - please see details on the website and in member emails.

Respectfully submitted,

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DVRA Secretary

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