

DVRA Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes - July – Dec 2018

July 2018

Delaware Valley Radio Association
Minutes 7-11-18

Treasurer Gregory Mauro opened the regular meeting. Greg welcomed everyone and introductions were made by those present. The meeting was moved to the shack from the church.

The meeting minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer Greg Mauro stated that the current balance is \$4,906. Greg also stated that with 3 new members, DVRA has a total of 83 members. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report passed.

Radio Station: Our Station Manager, Dom DiClementi discussed how the station was running well and highlighted club efforts in the 13 Colonies contest. Dom also discussed the upcoming August 12 Open House which is a great way to bring in new members and have club fun. Emails will be sent to ask for assistance from members to make this a fun and productive effort.

Repeater: Rory reported that both repeaters are up and running. New repeaters have arrived and KC2TMG Mark is especially thanked for his efforts! They will be installed in July. Rory notes that detailed instructions and notes for working the W2ZQ 2 meter repeater are on the website at <http://www.w2zq.com/system-fusion/>

Physical Plant: Hy reported that the Second Saturday work party was upcoming on July 14. Cutting the grass, moving the antennae farm off the fence and installing the new LED light above the parking lot were items for the work day.

Membership: Membership continues to grow. Three invitation letters were sent out.

Training and Exams: Martin Crabtree reported that a license exam session on Saturday, July 14 will take place. Martin emphasized the new for VEs and asked that those members with Extra licenses consider signing on. Martin is also in the process of providing more support for new Hams to get started.

Website: Anthony Giancarli, KD2NHG reported that the website has been updated including a video from Field Day and will be implementing a tab to highlight the upcoming DVRA Ham Fest on September 15, 2018. We were reminded that that date will be a busy day as it's also the QSO party.

A discussion ensued to implement the DVRA Free First Year Membership program on a permanent basis. The program is intended to spur new members by providing "rest of the

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year” free membership for a member’s first calendar year. This program had been a limited offer and members approved this generous program on a permanent basis.

Programs: Even though Dom DiClementi ventured all the way from Pennsylvania and was able to navigate over the construction taking place over the Delaware River, his presentation for the meeting was rescheduled to October due to the lack of a projector. A collection was taken to assist Dom for the upcoming toll plaza on the Scudder Mill bridge. Thanks to all who gave generously!

The next meeting will be the Club picnic on August 8. Volunteers are needed to come 45 minutes early and get grill started, clean grill, bring grilling tools and cook. Lance will be sending emails requesting assistance, including the need for photographers.

The meeting was closed at 7:30 PM.

73,
Jack Tatar, Secretary
K2WLD
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August 2018 Meeting – BBQ



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September 2019

Minutes of DVRA Monthly Meeting, September 12, 2018

- Meeting was opened at 6:35PM by Treasurer, Greg Mauro
- Secretary's Report
- o The minutes from the last meeting (July) were approved as published on the Google groups reflector
- Treasurer's Report – Greg Mauro
- o September balance: \$4000. August Income: dues, \$375; misc: \$25. August Expenses: balance of roof loan from 2017, \$1000; monthly electric bill, \$153
- o Current membership: 11 new members this month, total is now 98 members
- § The treasurer's report was approved as read.
- o Members are encouraged to sign up for Amazon Smile when using Amazon. Amazon Smile contributes 0.5% of most purchases to a charity. The "Delaware Valley Radio Association" can be selected to receive this contribution. Details will be listed prominently on the website.
- Station Director – Dom DiClementi
- o The Open House held in August at the radio shack was well attended. 10 new members joined. A mention of appreciation was given to all of the members who volunteered and made the event successful
- o The south tower beam was repaired and is operational
- o A reminder was given to all users of the shack that the cypher lock has been found to be disengaged multiple times. The cypher lock should not be disengaged at any time.
- o All three stations are fully operational
- o The NJ QSO party will be held this coming weekend. Operators are needed at the shack and needed to operate from home.
- Repeater Report
- o The 2 meter repeater (146.67, PL131.8) was replaced in July with a new System Fusion machine. As a reminder the repeater now operates in AMS mode. Functionally, the repeater operates in FM analog mode if the input signal is FM analog; and operates in digital (Fusion, C4FM protocol) mode if the input signal is digital. Analog only users are encouraged to use tone squelch on receive to avoid the digital "noise" when the repeater is in digital mode. Digital users are requested to avoid using digital mode during the period of the nightly analog net at 10PM.
- § The repeater hosts the "Pepper" net - a nightly net at 10PM in the analog mode.
- o The UHF (442.650) Fusion (only) repeater is slated to be upgraded to the new System Fusion machine in the near future. Operation will be identical after the upgrade.
- Physical Plant Director – Hy Gold
- o A work party is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 13th to perform minor maintenance items. A notice will be posted on the Google groups reflector.
- o Help is needed with lawn maintenance through the end of the growing season. The weekly task involves operating the tractor to cut the grass and weed whacking. Contact Hy to volunteer and receive instruction on operating the equipment, if needed.

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- o A brief discussion was held on a proposal to install a porta potty at the site. This was tabled and will be discussed in greater detail at the monthly operations meeting.
- Training and Examinations Director – Martin Crabtree
- o The latest DVRA exam session was held on September 8th – one upgrade and one new license were obtained. The next session will be held in November
- o A new ham net was started to encourage new licensees to get on the air. All hams are welcome. The first meeting of the monthly net was successfully held on Tuesday, September 11th. The net will be held on the Second Tuesday of each month at 7PM on the 2 meter repeater in analog mode.
- o Contact Martin if you are interested in becoming a volunteer examiner.
- Membership Report
- o Letters were sent to perspective members from a pool of new licensees in our service area
- o A 2019 dues reminder was given. A push will start next month for 2019 dues.
- Web Service Director – Anthony Giancarli
- o Website updates are being made as appropriate
- Special Events Report
- o DVRA provided communication for the Triathlon held at Mercer County Park on July 21 and 22. 16 members participated. The Triathlon committee will be making a donation to the DVRA for this effort.
- Hamfest Report
- o The DVRA hamfest will be held this coming Saturday at the West Windsor Community Park, Bernt Midland Blvd, adjacent to the pool. Help is needed for setup at 630AM and throughout the morning.
- Programs Director – Gary Wilson
- o Tonight's program is "What I Did on My Summer Vacation", presented by various club members.
- o October's program will be "Amateur Radio Licensing: From Incentive Licensing to the Present" by Dom DiClementi
- o November's program will be held at the College of New Jersey and presented by students from the Electrical Engineering program
- Public Information Director – Steve Gingo
- o The previous Public Information Officer is being contacted to obtain details on the duties of the position and access to online accounts.
- New Business
- o 11 new members were announced and approved for membership
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:15PM

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October 2018

DVRA Membership Meeting
Wednesday October 10, 2018

Called to order at 6:35 pm
Introductions were made and visitors were greeted

Meeting Minutes from September Meeting approved

Treasurer's Report:

- Club has \$5206 in bank account
- Income from Ham Fest - \$790 / Triathlon - \$750 – Special thanks to all who assisted in these efforts!
- Monthly expenses - \$566 (primarily electric bill)
- Membership at 98 with no new members since last month
- Reminder – Members were reminded to sign up for Amazon Smile program as percentage will go to DVRA
- Treasurer's Report submitted and approved

Repeater Report:

- 2m/440 are operational and fully functional
- Rory discussed that a firmware update for all Yaesu HT users is coming due to an upcoming company change in code and all users MUST have latest firmware – Details will be provided to members through website, reflector and appropriate communications in next 6-8 weeks as needed. This is only for digital users and will have no impact on analog capabilities.

Station Manager Report:

Activities –

- Successful NJ QSO Party held – 895 Q's / 67,650 plus other stations additions for a total of 78,622
- CQ WW DX Phone Contest Oct 27-28 48 hour
- SteppIR Vertical 20/40m Operation

Stations –

- Station A is fully functional with new IC 7600 Tokyo HY Power linear and automatic antenna tuner
- Station B – the ICOM 756 Pro II station is fully functional
- Station C functional with Kenwood UHF/VHF rig and FTM 400 installed

Antennas –

- Operational restriction to use only 80 or 160m antennas at one time
- Lost section of 40m Beam reflector (found on shack roof) – needs install
- Internet
- Internet is operational

Logging –

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- Ham Radio Deluxe is now installed and functioning on Station A and B
- Updated LoTW logs

Digital –

- Digital Modes are now installed on Station B using HRD
- Panadapter with HSDR now functional on Station / WSJT is now installed on Station B

Physical Plant:

- Rory to repair the furnace room door
- Work Party – Saturday, Oct 13 9am

Training:

- 10/10 – next testing at Red Cross
- New member net – second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm

Web:

- Anthony reports that Matt will be joining committee as WordPress expert – thanks Matt!
- Improvements to the web page
- Facelift continues on the DVRA website

Special Events:

- JOTA – 10/20 @ shack – help is needed

Presentations:

- Dom presented this month
- Need new program director for 2019

New business:

- Nominating committee to discuss this month for slate at Nov meeting – Martin and Cliff identified on committee

Upcoming:

- Next month November membership meeting at TCNJ
- December – sign up coming for Holiday party

Respectfully submitted,

Jack
K2WLD

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November 2018

DVRA Membership Meeting
Wednesday November 14, 2018

Called to order at 6:35 pm at Armstrong Hall, TCNJ campus
Introductions were made and visitors were greeted

Cliff reported on Nominating Committee for Officer Slate to be voted on at next meeting (December 2018). Slate proposed by Nominating Committee is:

President: Dom DiClementi, N3DD
Vice President: Rory Shaffer, NJ3U
Treasurer: Greg Mauro, K3EA
Secretary: Jack Tatar, K2WLD

No nominations from the floor were made.

Treasurer's Report:

- Club has \$5205 in bank account
- Reminder was made to all members that DUES ARE DUE!
- Reminder – Members were reminded to sign up for Amazon Smile program as percentage will go to DVRA
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DVRA Holiday Party Update – Lance Weight

- Lance notified all that the Holiday Party will be held December 12 at 6:30 at the Church
- Lance will send out an email shortly regarding food requests and sign ups – Party is pot luck and food quantities should be for 7-10 people from each donor.
- Club has plenty of paper products and there is a need for someone to pick these up prior to party

Website:

- Much work has been done on the website and we thank all of those who have assisted. Matt will be taking on the role of Public Information Officer (PIO) and he reported that the front and backend of the site have been restructured and keyword search has been enabled.
- Matt also reports that dues can be paid by PayPal.
- Matt reports the following social media stats for DVRA:
 - o 353 Facebook friends
 - o 373 Twitter followers
 - o 8 Web subscribers

If you're a social media user, please consider following the exciting happenings of DVRA through these channels!

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 - WireX is down due to need to reboot of system. This will happen shortly.
 - Announcements are being fixed as well
- Fortunately, there has been no impact on the nightly PepperNet*

Station Manager Report:

Activities –

- Successful CQ WW DX Phone Contest – 513 Q's / Total 422,470
- ARRL Sweepstakes set for Nov 17 – 24/30 hours. One transmitter. Multi-Op

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Physical Plant:

- Hy Gold reports that the new light in parking lot works

Training:

- Martin reported that at the last exams, 9 out of 11 passed
- Martin provided stats for 2018 on exams through the DVRA:

48 Technicians

12 General

4 Extra

5 not passed

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- Martin will be conducting a Technician training program over 5 nights of instruction on Friday nights in February 2019 (not on President's Day) – test will be conducted on first Saturday in March – 3/9
- Martin is reaching out to ALL Extra licensees in the club to consider being a VE – more are needed, so please consider this for the new year!

Health concerns:

- Don Wright's wife hurt her leg
- Rory reports that Bruce's health is improving from his kidney transplant

Upcoming:

- Next month December membership meeting will be at the Church – it will be the Holiday party – look out for sign-up sheet
- This Thanksgiving, give thanks for the thriving club we have and the wonderful friendships that exist because of DVRA!

Respectfully submitted,

Jack
K2WLD

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December 2018

**DVRA Membership Meeting and Holiday Party
Wednesday December 12, 2018**

Called to order at 6:30 pm at Church

Meeting minutes from October 2018 and November 2018 were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

40 members have paid for membership

28 were through PayPal

Slate of Officers for 2019 was voted on and approved by all:

President: Dom DiClementi, N3DD

Vice President: Rory Shaffer, NJ3U

Treasurer: Greg Mauro, K3EA

Secretary: Jack Tatar, K2WLD

Special thanks to Lance Weight for his help with the Holiday Party. Thanks also to all who brought food, raffle items and bought tickets. It was a fun evening and shows the good friendships and support that the DVRA brings to all of its members!

Reminders about the Battle of Trenton W2T and Battle of Princeton W2P events were made. All info is on DVRA website and at QRZ.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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