# **DVRA Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes – July - Dec 2020**

**July 2020** 

As we're all aware, the current Covid-19 crisis is impacting our ability to gather at the Shack 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 on staying safe and current guidelines, visit <a href="http://coronavirus.gov">http://coronavirus.gov</a>

Through the use of the Zoom virtual meeting platform, the DVRA July Membership Meeting was called to order by President Dom DiClementi, N3DD on July 8, 2020 at 7:05 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 June 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).

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. The following members volunteered to assist with this short-term task force:

- Jack Tatar, K2WLD
- Glen Johnstone, NK1N
- Stephen McCann, KC3LPO
- Mike Rauch, K2VPX
- Gary Wilson, K2GW

**Treasurer's Report (Greg Mauro, K3EA)** – June/1 balance: \$8323 / 7/1 balance: \$8374; June Expenses: \$142 (Internet - \$50 & Electric - \$92); June Income: \$193 all from dues Currently, 107 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 Dellaquila K2PCG) -** 4 new members were approved as new members:

Patrick Martin, KC2QFI

- Thomas Bender, no license
- Chuck Segal, KB3JIN
- John Bruestle, WA2GHA

The DVRA would like to specifically highlight the terrific work that Tullio Dellaquila K2PCG has done for the club as Membership Director. Unfortunately for the club, Tullio and Joy will be leaving the friendly confines of the Delaware Valley for their new home in beautiful Florida. Although Tullio will stay on as a member, his role as Membership Director must be filled by another member. DVRA Club leadership wanted to recognize their, and the entire club's thanks for the great job that Tullio has done bringing new members on board. Tullio will be missed. Thanks Tullio and Joy!

**Programs (Cliff Green, WA2TMF)** – Although this was a virtual meeting, the club was fortunate to have Cliff do a fascinating presentation on "The Russion Woodpecker". Cliff has targeted the following programs for the future but this could change given the current precautions and situation:

- August Open House and Picnic
- Sept DVRA Banquet (proposed but not finalized)
- October DVRA Jeopardy
- November Bob Hecht "Communication in Vietnam"
- 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)** - Promoted upcoming meeting and events on website. Note: 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. You may want to note the new items for sale there.

**PIO (Matt Robb, KD20TG)** - No significant PIO updates in last or current month due to COVID-19 restrictions

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

Published and promoted the Jul 8th monthly meeting advertisement

**Training (Martin Crabtree, W3PR)** – Martin will run 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)** – Both the March of Dimes event and the NJ State Triathlon have been postponed for this year. Steve will let the club know when he has more details on next year's events.

**Station (Dom DiClementi, N3DD)** – Although there is LIMITED in-person use of shack, all stations are working well. Dom reminds that IF you do go to Shack, there is a limit of only 2 at a time! Dom thanked those who participated in Field Day as part of the local contest among the clubs in our area - he reminds all who did to send their logs in Cabrillo format to Dom ASAP.

## 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.

Rory wants to highlight the upcoming Golden Packet Trail event coming up in July 2020 - <a href="http://www.aprs.org/at-golden-packet.html">http://www.aprs.org/at-golden-packet.html</a>

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!!

Meeting adjourned (before the Russian Woodpecker made an appearance) at 7:35pm. Thanks again to Cliff for a great presentation (for those seeking more information on the topic, I recommend that you catch the documentary, "The Russian Woodpecker" now on Netflix).

Our next Membership Meeting is planned to be part of the Open House event on Sunday August 16 **BUT** I recommend that all members keep an eye out for updates on the website and/or emails from club leadership as this date is tentative and subject to current Covid-19 restrictions and leadership decision.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Tatar, K2WLD

#### August 2020

As we're all aware, the current Covid-19 crisis is impacting our ability to gather at the Shack 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 on staying safe and current guidelines, visit <a href="http://coronavirus.gov">http://coronavirus.gov</a>

Through the use of the Zoom virtual meeting platform, the DVRA August Membership Meeting was called to order by President Dom DiClementi, N3DD on August 12, 2020 at 7:00 pm EST.

Secretary's Report (Jack Tatar, K2WLD) - Meeting notes from July 2020 were approved as emailed to members and posted on the Google groups reflector. Also, noted that all Membership Meeting minutes for the past two years have been posted to the DVRA website, now providing a comprehensive archive of DVRA meeting notes and information back to January 2013. You can access the information at <a href="https://www.w2zq.com/documents/">https://www.w2zq.com/documents/</a>.

Additionally, Jack reported that the By-Laws Task Force has been meeting to review the current By-Laws and is targeting next month's meeting to provide their review/report to the entire membership on any recommendations and/or modifications (according to current by-laws, any proposed changes to the by-laws require a 30 day timeframe for review by all members prior to approval). Members should keep an eye out for this information prior to the September Membership Meeting, so that we can target a vote on it at the October meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Greg Mauro, K3EA) – Greg reports that there is \$1110 being held in escrow in the treasury due to the postponed DVRA Banquet. Greg is also looking into when the church will reopen for our in-person meetings.

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 - (Anthony Giancarli, KD2NHG) - 5 new members were approved as new members:

- Mortiz Menacher, KD2UGG
- Sean Fuerstenberger, KD2JMP
- Jon Frush, W8JRF
- Desmond O'Neill, KC2SFP

• Gilbert H. Weiss, K3GIL

Programs (Cliff Green, WA2TMF) – Cliff is on vacation. Members are asked to watch the Reflector for updates on upcoming presentations

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) - Website Updates:

- Postponement of the DVRA 90th Anniversary Banquet until the first quarter of 2021
- Postponement of the Open House & Picnic due to Covid-19. Aug.12th membership meeting instead.
- Announcement of the Aug. 12th membership meeting featuring results of the Programs & Activities Survey.
- Posted notice of the passing of Dennis McClary, KC2IMI, President of the DSRC.
- Added new members to the online members roster, as well as, to the mailing list.
- Sent out email blast for Aug. 12th meeting and current activities update.

## PIO (Matt Robb, KD2OTG) - PIO Updates:

- Applied WordPress security patches to the W2ZQ.com website; deleted SPAM feedback messages; monitor and route questions/comments submitted
- Created the survey metrics PowerPoint package for Cliff to present at tonight's meeting
- I continue to refresh additions / removals of items for sale on the W2ZQ.com/marketplace page
- Worked with Anthony to migrate email list from Constant Contact over to SurveyMonkey; created email templates
- I continue to harmonize new website post subscribers with the SurveyMonkey mailing list

Training (Martin Crabtree, W3PR) – Martin will run a testing session on Sept 12 that will adhere to Covid-19 guidelines - NO walk-ins will be allowed so please sign up if interested. Please see the website and reflector for full details. Martin notes that the new Ham Net meets on the repeater on the Second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.

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

Station (Dom DiClementi, N3DD) – Although there is LIMITED in-person use of shack, all stations are working well. Dom reminds that IF you do go to Shack, there is a limit of only 2 at a time! Dom is awaiting results from the local "competition" on Field Day among the clubs in our area - he is optimistic and thanks everyone who participated.

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.

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!!

Dom presented the results from our recent member survey for discussion - the survey results can be found here (there were no proposed changes since orig. posted 23-Jul) <a href="https://groups.google.com/g/w2zq-leadership/c/7xuDAuvBZY0">https://groups.google.com/g/w2zq-leadership/c/7xuDAuvBZY0</a>

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Tatar, K2WLD

#### September 2020

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Through the use of the Zoom virtual meeting platform, the DVRA September Membership Meeting was called to order by President Dom DiClementi, N3DD on September 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm EST.

<u>Secretary's Report (Jack Tatar, K2WLD)</u> - Meeting notes from August 2020 were approved as emailed to members and posted on the Google groups reflector. As Chairman of By-Laws Task Force, Jack will provide their review/report to the entire membership on any recommendations and/or modifications (according to current by-laws, any proposed changes to the by-laws require a 30 day timeframe for review by all members prior to approval). The updated proposed By-Laws has been sent to members through e-mail and will be discussed and voted on at the October meeting. I'm resending the proposed By-Laws here as well for your review.

REMINDER: all Membership Meeting minutes for the past two years have been posted to the DVRA website, now providing a comprehensive archive of DVRA meeting notes and information back to January 2013. You can access the information at <a href="https://www.w2zq.com/documents/">https://www.w2zq.com/documents/</a>.

<u>Treasurer's Report (Greg Mauro, K3EA)</u> – Greg reports that on Sept 1, the DVRA treasury has \$8, 394 (\$8,224 on August 1, 2020) with dues making up income and utility bills making up expenses. Greg notes that there is \$1110 being held in escrow in the treasury due to the postponed DVRA Banquet. We now have 115 members which is an increase of 9 members from 2019. Greg reminds members to designate DVRA for the SMILE program on Amazon.com to gain funds for the club.

<u>Facilities</u> - 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.

<u>Membership - (Anthony Giancarli, KD2NHG)</u> - 1 new member was approved: Michael Locus KC2QWL

<u>Programs (Cliff Green, WA2TMF)</u> – No report. Members are asked to watch the Reflector for updates on upcoming presentations

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) - Website Updates:

- General website maintenance and clean-up performed
- September email blast to members
- Added new members to the online members roster, as well as, to the mailing list.
- Member survey reviewed at last month's membership meeting posted to site.

<u>Training (Martin Crabtree, W3PR)</u> – Martin will run a testing session on Sept 12 that will adhere to Covid-19 guidelines - NO walk-ins will be allowed so please sign up if interested. Please see the website and reflector for full details. Martin notes that the new Ham Net meets on the repeater on the Second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.

<u>Special Events (Steve Costanzo, KC2VDL)</u> – Nothing to report.

<u>Station (Dom DiClementi, N3DD)</u> – Although there is LIMITED in-person use of shack, all stations are working well. Dom reminds that IF you do go to Shack, there is a limit of only 2 at a time! As required, please sign in and out.

Repeater (Rory Shaffer, NJ3U) –All repeaters are up and running and fully operational. Rory reported that maintenance of the 2M repeater was completed. Members were informed about a new Net to be run on the 440 machine to encourage its use will be on the First Wednesday of each month, More details coming.

Any problems encountered by members regarding the repeaters, 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!!

**Chris Tenev, K2QFA** provided a presentation on "An Intro to RF Analysis" as our monthly program. Thanks to Chris for a thoughtful and educating presentation!

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Tatar, K2WLD

#### October 2020

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Through the use of the Zoom virtual meeting platform, the DVRAOctober Membership Meeting was called to order by President Dom DiClementi, N3DD on October 14, 2020 at 7:04 pm EST.

<u>Secretary's Report (Jack Tatar, K2WLD)</u> - Meeting notes from September 2020 were approved as emailed to members and posted on the Google groups reflector.

<u>Treasurer's Report (Greg Mauro, K3EA)</u> – Greg reports that on Oct 1, the DVRA treasury has \$8,341 (\$8,394 on Sept 1, 2020) with dues making up income and utility bills making up expenses. Greg notes that there is \$1110 being held in escrow in the treasury due to the postponed DVRA Banquet. We now have 119 members. Greg reminds members to designate DVRA for the SMILE program on Amazon.com to gain funds for the club.

<u>Facilities</u> - 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 - (Anthony Giancarli, KD2NHG) - 5 new members were approved:

- Fernando Jaime W2CLA
- Steven Glover KD2UPS
- Steve Miller KD2DUL
- Jerry Hinshaw N6JH
- Sal Emma KB2DMU

<u>Facilities</u> - It was noted that the Directors approved purchase of a new lawn mower as the current one must be laid to rest and the club thanks that mower (and all of those who used it and repaired it since the stone age) for its many years of service.

<u>Programs (Cliff Green, WA2TMF)</u> – On Wednesday, November 11th 2020, the Delaware Valley Radio Association monthly meeting will feature a presentation titled "PM and POTA – the Peanut Butter Cup of Amateur Radio" by Glen Johnstone, NK1N. Members are asked to watch the Reflector for updates on upcoming presentations

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members during this time and let everyone know that you're doing OK.

# Website (Anthony Giancarli, KD2NHG) - Website Updates:

- General website maintenance and clean-up performed
- October email blast to members New Ham net, Tech net, Nov exam
- Added new members to the online members roster, as well as, to the mailing list.
- Calendar updated.
- Updated Shack Manual uploaded to DVRA site.

<u>Training (Martin Crabtree, W3PR)</u> – Martin will run a testing session on Nov 14 that will adhere to Covid-19 guidelines - NO walk-ins will be allowed so please sign up if interested. Please see the website and reflector for full details. Martin notes that the new Ham Net meets on the repeater on the Second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.

<u>Special Events (Steve Costanzo, KC2VDL)</u> – Nothing to report.

<u>Station (Dom DiClementi, N3DD)</u> – Although there is LIMITED in-person use of shack, all stations are working well. Dom reminds that IF you do go to Shack, there is a limit of only 2 at a time! As required, please sign in and out. Dom reminds members that

Repeater (Rory Shaffer, NJ3U) –All repeaters are up and running and fully operational. Rory reported that maintenance of the 2M repeater was completed. Members were informed about the new Net to be run on the 440 machine to encourage its use, will be on the First Wednesday of each month.

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

## **New Business:**

As Chairman of the By-Laws Task Force, Jack K2WLD provided their review/report to the entire membership on any recommendations and/or modifications (according to current by-laws, any proposed changes to the by-laws require a 30 day timeframe for review by all members prior to approval). The updated proposed By-Laws was sent to members through e-mail, discussed and approved at the October meeting. *The updated By-Laws has been loaded to the DVRA website.* 

The Directors designated the Nominating Committee to provide a slate of candidates for the 2021 election of new officers. They assigned Martin Crabtree W3PR and Jack Tatar K2WLD for the committee and they need to provide candidates for the November meeting. Any questions or comments, please contact Martin or Jack directly.

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!!

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

**Mike Rauch K2VPX** provided a presentation on "The World of Camera Drones" as our monthly program. Thanks to Mike for a thoughtful and educating presentation!

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Tatar, K2WLD

#### November 2020

As we're all aware, the current Covid-19 crisis is impacting our ability to gather at the Shack 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 on staying safe and current guidelines, visit <a href="http://coronavirus.gov">http://coronavirus.gov</a>

Through the use of the Zoom virtual meeting platform, the DVRA November Membership Meeting was called to order by President Dom DiClementi, N3DD on November 11, 2020 at 7:02 pm EST.

<u>Secretary's Report (Jack Tatar, K2WLD)</u> - Meeting notes from October 2020 were approved as emailed to members and posted on the Google groups reflector.

Treasurer's Report (Greg Mauro, K3EA) – Greg reports that on Nov 1, the DVRA treasury has \$7,638 (\$8,341 on Oct 1, 2020) with dues making up income and this month we replaced the station PC, paid for PO Box and utilities. As the Executive Board approved \$1,800 for a new mower, finding the right mower is in progress. Greg notes that there is \$1110 being held in escrow in the treasury due to the postponed DVRA Banquet. We now have 120 members. Greg reminds members that membership dues for 2021 can now be paid by check or PayPal and to designate DVRA for the SMILE program on Amazon.com to gain funds for the club.

<u>Facilities</u> - 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!

Membership - (Anthony Giancarli, KD2NHG) - 1 new member was approved: Michael Lucas, KC2QWL

<u>Programs (Cliff Green, WA2TMF)</u> – Next month, Cliff will present "Ham or not Ham" at the December 2020 meeting. Members are asked to watch the Reflector for updates on upcoming presentations

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.

<u>Training (Martin Crabtree, W3PR)</u> – Martin will run a testing session on Nov 14 that will adhere to Covid-19 guidelines - NO walk-ins will be allowed so please sign up if interested. This will be the last session of 2020 and January 2021 testing is cancelled. Please see the website and reflector for full details. Martin notes that the new Ham Net meets on the repeater on the Second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.

<u>Station (Dom DiClementi, N3DD)</u> – Although there is LIMITED in-person use of shack, all stations are working well. Dom reminds that IF you do go to Shack, there is a limit of only 2 at a time! As required, please sign in and out. Dom has gotten the new PC connected to the A station and NMII is connected and operational. Plans for W2T and W2P in December 2020 are in progress. More details coming.

Repeater (Rory Shaffer, NJ3U) –All repeaters are up and running and fully operational. Rory reported

that maintenance of the 2M repeater was completed. As the Station A computer was replaced with a new one, the old one is now supporting the Wires-X equipment. Members were informed about the new Net to be run on the 440 machine to encourage its use, will be on the First Wednesday of each month

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

### **New Business:**

The Directors designated the Nominating Committee to provide a slate of candidates for the 2021 election of new officers. They assigned Martin Crabtree W3PR and Jack Tatar K2WLD for the committee and they provided the following candidates at the November meeting:

President: Greg Mauro, K3EA

• Vice President : Cliff Green, WA2TMF

Treasurer: Rich Freedman, N2EHL

• Secretary: Chris Tenev, K2QFA

The membership is encouraged to attend the December 9, 2020 membership meeting where voting for candidates will be conducted.

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!!

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

November 11th 2020, the Delaware Valley Radio Association monthly meeting featured a presentation titled "PM and POTA – the Peanut Butter Cup of Amateur Radio" by Glen Johnstone, NK1N. Thanks Glen!

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Tatar, K2WLD

#### December 2020

As we're all aware, the current Covid-19 crisis is impacting our ability to gather at the Shack 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 on staying safe and current guidelines, visit <a href="http://coronavirus.gov">http://coronavirus.gov</a>

Through the use of the Zoom virtual meeting platform, the DVRA December Membership Meeting was called to order by President Dom DiClementi, N3DD on December 9, 2020 at 7:02 pm EST.

<u>Secretary's Report (Jack Tatar, K2WLD)</u> - Meeting notes from November 2020 were approved as emailed to members and posted on the Google groups reflector.

<u>Treasurer's Report (Greg Mauro, K3EA)</u> – Greg reports that on Dec 1, the DVRA treasury has \$8,613 (\$7,638 on Oct 1, 2020) with dues making up income and this month's expenses were due to utilities and the subscription cost for MailChimp email service. We now have 124 members. Greg reminds members that membership dues for 2021 can now be paid by check or PayPal and are due by December 31,2020.

<u>Facilities (Hy Gold, AB2VG)</u> - 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! Hy is currently in the process of getting the furnace serviced.

Membership - (Anthony Giancarli, KD2NHG) - 4 new members were approved:

Tom Roe, KC3QNV

Brian Augustine (Currently testing)

Randolph Kramer, KD2USY

William Franco, KD2VBJ

NOTE: At the December 16, 2020 DVRA Board/Ops Meeting, the following new member was approved – Ed Pierce, KC3HGH

<u>Programs (Cliff Green, WA2TMF)</u> – This month, Cliff presented "Ham or not Ham" at the December 2020 meeting. It proved to be a fun and informative session and Cliff was thanked for his efforts with this presentation and for handling his role over the last few years. Cliff noted that Paul Andrews, W2HRO will be handling Programs for 2021. Members are asked to watch the Reflector for updates on upcoming presentations.

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.

Training (Martin Crabtree, W3PR) – Martin will run a testing session on Jan 9, 2021 that will adhere to Covid-19 guidelines and be conducted at the Continental Tavern in Bucks County, PA - NO walk-ins will be allowed so please sign up if interested. Please see the website and reflector for full details. Martin notes that the new Ham Net meets on the repeater on the Second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.

<u>Station (Dom DiClementi, N3DD)</u> – Although there is LIMITED in-person use of shack, all stations are working well. Dom reminds that IF you do go to Shack, there is a limit of only 2 at a time! As required, please sign in and out. Dom has gotten LOTW and N1MMI connected and operational on the new computer. Plans for W2T and W2P in December 2020 are in place, and Dom seeks involvement from members for this important event. More details coming.

Repeater (Rory Shaffer, NJ3U) —All repeaters are up and running and fully operational. Rory reported that maintenance of the 2M repeater was completed. As the Station A computer was replaced with a new one, the old one is now supporting the Wires-X equipment. Members were informed about the new Net to be run on the 440 machine to encourage its use, will be on the First Wednesday of each month.

Rory also noted that he will be leaving the area and accordingly will transfer his role as Station Trustee to Station Manager, Dom DiClementi (N3DD) going forward. The club thanked Rory for his efforts over his most recent term as VP and for his many years ensuring the proper operations of the repeater. Enjoy your retirement Rory and don't forget your buddies at the DVRA!

Any problems encountered by members regarding the repeaters, please email or text Steve, W2SRH who will be handling the role going forward.

## **New Business:**

The Directors presented a slate of candidates at the November meeting and voting from the general membership was conducted. The following are the officers and directors for 2021.

#### **2021 Executive Committee**

- President Greg Mauro, K3EA
- Vice President Cliff Green, WA2TMF
- Treasurer Rich Freedman, N2EHL
- Secretary Chris Tenev, K2QFA

#### **2021 Directors**

- Membership Anthony Giancarli, KD2NHG
- Radio Station Dom Di Clementi, N3DD
- Physical Plant Hy Gold, AB2VG
- Repeater Operations Steve Huston, W2SRH
- Public Information Officer Open
- Training & Examinations Martin Crabtree, W3PR

- Web Services Anthony Giancarli, KD2NHG
- Programs Paul Andrews, W2HRO
- Special Events Steve Costanzo, KC2VDL
- Past President Dom Di Clementi, N3DD

As outgoing Secretary, Jack Tatar, K2WLD noted the results of the past two terms of Dom (President), Rory (VP) and Greg (Treasurer) as being the most productive and beneficial for the club in recent history. Due to the leadership of the last two years, the club is in great shape financially and with membership levels over 100, members should be proud of all of the hard work of our leaders and directors over this time.

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!!

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Happy holidays to all members and please stay safe!

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Tatar, K2WLD DVRA Secretary