

DVRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES June 14, 2023

- **CALL TO ORDER / CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS**– Bob, KB3BB
 - Hamvention was attended by three club members who attended the Awards Banquet and accepted the Club of the Year honors
 - A synopsis of recent activities and upcoming events was given
- **FEATURE PROGRAM – “DVRA’s Winlink and APRS Capabilities”** - Steve Huston, W2SRH

BUSINESS MEETING:

- Organizational: - Bob Bowden KB3BB
 - Members are encouraged to join the Google Group “W2ZQ Membership.”
 - A new category of membership was proposed, presented to the members and approved by a vote of the membership: “The membership category of “Member Emeritus” will be conveyed by a simple majority of the DVRA Board of Directors. No dues will be charged for this category. The Member Emeritus status will be granted to those who have shown extraordinary service and dedication to the Association, but are no longer able to participate as an active member. Examples are: relocating too far to participate, health issues, or other reasons as considered and approved by the Board of Directors”
- Repeater Operations – Steve H, W2SRH
 - Repeaters, WinLink and APRS are all operating nominally, with some minor outages on APRS
- Special Projects Committee – Greg, K3EA
 - CW Classes started on May 23rd. They are held on Tuesday nights, at 7pm on Zoom. Signups still open, Contact Cliff at wa2tmf@gmail.com to register for the class, details are also on the club website home page
 - VHF Activity Day was held on June 10th – Five participants operated on 4 bands: 6m, 2m, 220 and 432 Mhz
 - Field Day – Jon Frush, Chairman
 - Operation will be at the W2ZQ grounds.
 - 3 Stations will operate 10-80m
 - A link to the online signup sheet can be found in the Field Day article at w2zq.com
 - Antenna Setup will start on Friday 6/23 @ 3pm.
 - Station setup will commence at 9AM on Saturday
 - On-air operation starts at 2PM and runs through noon on Sunday
 - Food and drinks will be available during the event, and a Porta Potty will be on site
 - Be sure to join in on the fun!
 - A W2ZQ POTA multi-station, multi-mode event is planned for July 8th (rain date July 9th) in Washington Crossing Park (PA). Details will appear soon on W2ZQ.com. Contact KB3BB if you wish to participate.
 - A seminar on “Smith Chart Basics” will be given by Saied, AD2CC on Saturday July 22nd at 10am at the W2ZQ Station. More details will be available on w2zq.com
 - Summer/Fall Projects: SWR meter seminar, antenna construction project, basic electronics seminar, packet radio seminar - Dates TBD
 - Antenna Committee Report – The antenna committee recently helped two members with dipole antenna projects. The committee periodically holds construction projects, and is available for members to help with their antenna project planning/design, procurement, installation and testing. Contact info: k3ea@arrl.net

- Fox Hunt Schedule: – Glen, NK1N
 - June 3rd Fox Hunt was held at Rosedale Park with six Foxes
 - Mobile Fox Hunt planned for August 5, KD2CQ will be the Guest Fox
- Physical Plant – Ray, KD2JBM; Steve C, KC2VDL
 - No major issues
 - Front door trim project is in work
- Communications support for NJ Triathlon July 15 and 16 – more volunteer operators are needed – contact Steve KC2VDL to volunteer
- Training and Examinations – Martin – W3PR
 - Next license testing session is scheduled for July 8th at Our Lady of Good Counsel at 10AM
 - Go to w2zq.com/exams for info
 - Will use new 7/1/23 pool of General class test questions
 - New Ham Net, 2nd Tues each month@ 7pm, 2m repeater. Next New Ham Net: July 11 @7pm
 - June’s topic was Community Service
 - Topic suggestions are welcomed
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
 - Station hours: Sun, Tue, Thu, 1-4pm; Tue, Thu, 6-8pm
 - Open House, Sunday, August 13th, noon to 5pm
 - Yaesu FTdx101D radio: touchscreen not working. Functionality is still available with a computer mouse. Will send unit for repair in the Fall
 - All other equipment is working properly
 - An RF interference problem is being investigated
 - ARRL Digital Contest update (held on June 3rd / 4th):
 - W2ZQ’s participation was highly successful, operators worked around the clock in 2 hour shifts
 - We are waiting for final score results from the ARRL
 - EME 5 meter dish installation project is progressing and on schedule
 - Concrete pad is currently being prepared
- Programs- Saied, AD2CC
 - Upcoming Presentations:
 - July – “SDR Wireless Spectrum Server” by Joe Jesson W2JEJ
 - August – Open House (no program)
 - September – “Finding Your Ham Radio Roots - Revisited”, Martin, W3PR
 - October – “RFI”, Bob Brehm, AK6R, Palomar Engineers
 - November – “DVRA’s 5m EME Dish Construction Project”, Saied, AD2CC, Paul, W2HRO
- Membership – Tobi, AD2CD
 - One new member approved by the Board
 - Lionel Yearwood, KE2U, Willingboro, NJ
 - Membership count is now 151
- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
See attached report
- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
 - Facebook Reach # and Most Hits topics – see attached report
 - Bob and Dom met a reporter from US1 publication, watch for an upcoming article
- Secretary’s report – Greg, K3EA
May meeting minutes were posted on the Google Membership Group and approved by the membership

- Treasurer's report – Rich, N2EHL
Current monthly budget report was read and approved by the membership
- Other Upcoming Events:
 - Tech Net, Sundays at 9PM, 2m repeater. Need tech talk presenters/topics, contact Chris, K2QFA
- OLD BUSINESS – none
- NEW BUSINESS - none

Website Report – June 2023 Membership Meeting

Current Pinned Posts on home page:

1. DVRA Club of the Year
2. “DVRA’s WinLink and APRS capabilities” by Steve Huston, W2SRH
3. DVRA Fox Hunt Report – June 3, 2023
4. 2023 Field Day
5. DVRA awarded Grant from Amateur Radio Digital Communications
6. “WSJT-X Innards Explained” by Joe Taylor K1JT
7. DVRA Antenna Committee Event – Field Day Antenna Construction held at DVRA

Various website updates:

1. Email blast send out of Sunday for "June Updates" and "Zoom" credentials.
2. Updated the "License Exams" info page with Martin's requested changes.
3. Updated "Marketplace" page to remove sold items.
4. Updated the the "Documents/Archive" page with the Fox Hunt presentation provided by Glen.

Social Media / PIO Report

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Our Field Day release caught the attention of a US1 news reporter – Dan Aubrey; Bob and Dom gave him a tour of the station June 13. The paper publishes on Wednesdays so if the story makes the cut I expect it will appear in next week's edition.

He was mostly interested in Field Day but also showed a lot of interest in the hobby and the club in general. Bob and Dom spent about two hours with him. (Thanks Bob and Dom!)

Thanks also to Mrs. Emma who spend some hours scouring the Internet to help me update news organization contacts.

Thanks as always to members who contributed information and photos.

Greatest hits/Facebook:

Joe's meeting announcement 5/9 232 reached

<https://www.facebook.com/w2zqdvra/posts/10160568109076138>

Skywarn training announcement 5/1 181 reached

<https://www.facebook.com/w2zqdvra/posts/10160549724596138>

Dayton photos 5/30 158 reached

<https://www.facebook.com/w2zqdvra/posts/625176206311514>

No page reach report this month – Meta has completely reworked the reporting process and I'm at the bottom of the learning curve.

DVRA Treasurer's Report for May 2023

The beginning balance for May 2023 was \$9489.92

The ending balance for May 2023 was \$9616.65, a net increase of \$126.73

Cash Flow for May 2023

Starting Balance	9489.92
Ending Balance	9616.65
Total Income	449.18
Total Expenses	-322.45
Net Change	126.73

Income By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Membership (Income)			144.75
	Dues	144.75	
Treasurer - Income			44.43
	Donations	44.43	
Other (Income)			260.00
	merchandise sales	260.00	
TOTAL			449.18

Expenses By Category

Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Physical Plant			-295.95
	Internet (Verizon)	-54.99	
	Electric (PSE&G)	-240.96	
Public Information			-26.50
	Newsletter / Press Releases / MailChimp	-26.50	
TOTAL			-322.45

Respectfully Submitted by Rich Freedman N2EHL, Treasurer

Notes:

- The PSE&G bill for the month was \$240.96, and the usual monthly bill has historically been around \$100.

The overage (approx. \$140) is due to the fact that PSE&G estimated all of the bills between the time that we installed the new electric heating system and the date of the May 2023 bill.

The \$140 represents the approximate extra cost of operating the heating system for the whole winter season.