

# DVRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES July 12, 2023

- **CALL TO ORDER / CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS** –Bob, KB3BB
  - A synopsis of recent activities and upcoming events was given
  - W2ZQ Station hours: are Sun, Tu, Th, 1-4PM; Tu, Th, 6-8PM
- **FEATURE PROGRAM – “SDR Wireless Spectrum Server” by Joe Jesson, W2JEJ**

## **BUSINESS MEETING:**

- Organizational: - Bob, KB3BB
  - Members are encouraged to join the Google Group “W2ZQ Membership.” Be sure to subscribe & participate in member discussions
  - We had a successful Field Day, thanks was given to everyone who participated and special thanks to Sal KB2EMU for a strong PR effort
  - Next month there will be no monthly membership meeting, be sure to attend our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Open House / Club Picnic at W2ZQ on August 13<sup>th</sup>, noon-5pm
- Radio Station – Dom, N3DD
  - Yaesu radio FTDX 101d to be sent in for repair under warranty: touchscreen not working
  - Open House / Club Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 13 from Noon to 5pm
  - Field Day Recap –added a digital station this year, logged 386 QSO’s, and scored ~2900 points. Special thanks were given to our 2023 Field Day Chair, Jon W8JRF.
  - EME 5m dish project is progressing on schedule
- Programs- Saied, AD2CC
  - August: No Membership Meeting
  - September Membership Meeting program: “Finding Your Ham Radio Roots - Revisited” by Martin, W3PR
  - Oct. 11: “RFI” by Bob Brehm, AK6R, Palomar Engineers
  - Nov. 8: “DVRA’s 5m EME Dish Construction Project” by Saied, AD2CC
- Secretary’s report - Greg K3EA
  - The June meeting minutes had been previously posted on the Google Group and were approved by the membership
- Special Projects Committee – Greg, K3EA
  - Signups are now closed for the current CW classes that started on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. A Fall CW class will be held. Details will be posted on the club website when they become available.
  - Recap of the July 8<sup>th</sup> Parks on the Air event for W2ZQ – Bob, KB3BB
    - The event was held under the General Greene Pavilion at the Wash Crossing Park (PA)
    - Two station were setup up and 160 contacts were made on CW, phone and digital modes during the 3 hours of operation
    - The POTA event was well attended by club members and several guests
    - Future 2023 POTA events for W2ZQ may be in the works, stay tuned.....
  - A Seminar on “Smith Chart Basics” will be given by Saied held on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at the W2ZQ station at 10AM. You can learn the basics of Smith Charts, what they are and what they can be used for. You will also get some hands-on experience using them.
  - Additional projects will be held on the following Saturdays at the W2ZQ station: (all projects are listed on the club Calendar at W2ZQ.com)
    - Sep 23<sup>rd</sup>, Antenna Construction project – we’ll build and test an antenna.
    - Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, Hands-on soldering demonstration and coax jumper construction
    - Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, Electronics circuit seminar – using test equipment to demonstrate some simple circuits

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- Date is TBD for an SWR meter seminar / demonstration
- Please suggest any additional ideas for workshops/seminars, etc
- Antenna Committee activity report
  - The antenna committee periodically holds construction projects, and is also available to assist members with antenna projects, such as help with site surveys, design, material procurement, construction and testing of antenna systems. The club also has an antenna analyzer that can be loaned to club members. Contact Greg at k3ea@arrl.net if you need any help.

### Fox Hunt Schedule: – Glen, NK1N

- Mobile Fox Hunt to be held on August 5
- Starting point is Chapin School at 9am
- Preregistration is no longer necessary
- Repeater Operations – Steve H, W2SRH
  - Repeaters, WinLink and APRS status – no update (all stations operational)
    - Winlink station has been reported as having intermittent problems
- Physical Plant – Ray, KD2JBM; Steve C, KC2VDL
  - No issues
- Communications Support for Triathlon - Steve KC2VDL
  - Event is this coming weekend, July 15 and 16
  - Meeting point is Hughes and Paxson at 6:30-6:45am both days
- Training and Examinations – Martin – W3PR
  - See attached report
  - New Ham Net, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues each month@ 7pm, 2m repeater. Next New Ham Net: Aug. 8 @7pm
- Membership – Tobj, AD2CD
  - One new member was approved by the Board of Directors and welcomed to the club: Paul Vincent, KA3IVN
  - Current membership count is now 153
  - Two members were granted “Member Emeritus” status by the Board of Directors: Rory Shaffer NJ3U and Don Wright AA2F
- Web Services – Anthony, KD2NHG
  - See attached report
- Public Information Officer – Sal, KB2DMU
  - Facebook Reach # and Most Hits topics – see attached report
- Treasurer’s report – Rich, N2EHL
  - Current monthly budget report – see attached report
  - Monthly budget report was approved, as read, 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

## Training & Examinations:

- DVRA July 8<sup>th</sup> license testing
  - 8 people took license tests, 5 passed their technician (including my daughter) and one their extra.
  - Thanks to:
    - Andrew, K2AFO for running the testing (as I couldn't this time)
    - Dom, N3DD, Jack, K2WLD, and Glen, NK1N for acting as VEs for the session.
- Next license testing is on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.
- Looking into using the new training room at the Princeton Red Cross for license upgrade classes this fall. Once the Red Cross is confirmed, look for a survey to help decide whether we'll do a series of General or Extra classes. Thanks to Gary, K2GW for his help working with the Red Cross. Stay tuned.

## **Website Report - July Membership Meeting**

### **Current Pinned Posts on home page:**

1. DVRA Club of the Year
2. "Browser-based Signal Monitoring" by Joseph Jesson, W2JEJ
3. Workshop: Understanding and Applying Smith Chart Basics – July 22nd at 10AM
3. DVRA Fox Hunt – August 5, 2023
5. POTA Report: "SUCCESSFUL W2ZQ MULTI-MODE "PARKS ON THE AIR" ACTIVATION PERFORMED ON JULY 8"
6. Last month's meeting post: "DVRA's WinLink and APRS capabilities" by Steve Huston, W2SRH

Added May & June's DVRA meeting minutes to the "Documents/Archive" page.

### **Message to membership from Website Director:**

The "Documents/Archive" page under the "DVRA Links" tab contains a plethora of informative and helpful information including the current Testing Question Pool, past meeting minutes, Other helpful documents, and the archived "DVRA Wireless Hill Beacon Newsletters" dating back to 2008. It's worth a look!

## Social Media / PIO Report

June 2023 • Sal Emma KB2DMU • 12 July 2023

Thanks as always to members who contributed information and photos. Thanks also to those who picked up hard copies of the US1 feature.

### Greatest hits/Facebook:

13 Colonies 6/27      194 reached  
<https://www.facebook.com/w2zqdvra/posts/642101927952275>

Triathlon announcement 6/16      164  
<https://www.facebook.com/w2zqdvra/posts/635969308565537>

Steve meeting announcement 6/14      150  
<https://www.facebook.com/w2zqdvra/posts/634560582039743>

### Reach summary:

Reach is up over the same period last month. I expect the US1 piece drove some visitation as well as our live-blogging the Field Day operation. Thanks to Jon W8JRF for feeding me photos during the event.

#### Reach

Compare your reach from this period to the previous one.

[See more about your content performance](#)

Facebook reach ⓘ

503 ↑ 4.1%

Instagram reach ⓘ

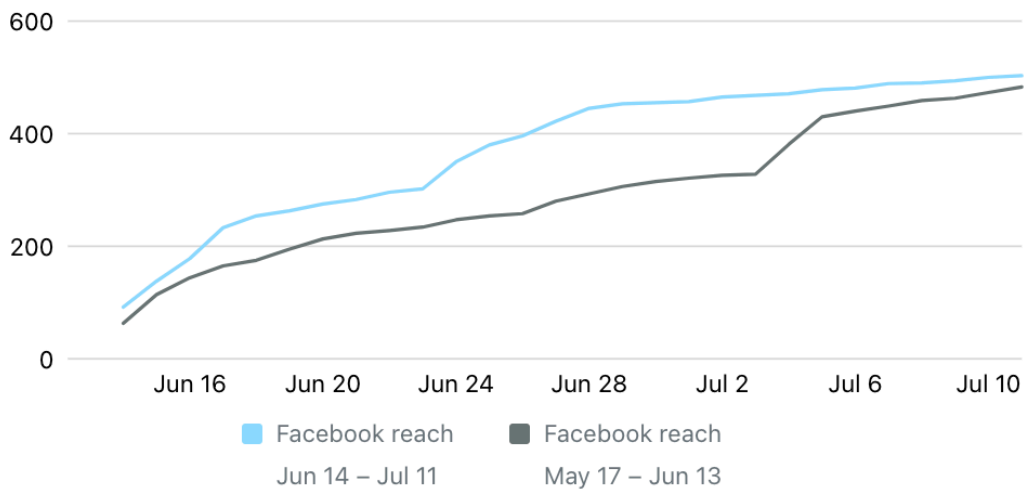
128 ↑ 12.3%

Paid reach ⓘ

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Daily

Cumulative



## DVRA Treasurer's Report for June 2023

The beginning balance for June 2023 was \$9616.65

The ending balance for June 2023 was \$9478.75, a net decrease of \$137.90

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### Cash Flow for June 2023

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Starting Balance	9616.65
Ending Balance	9478.75
Total Income	53.25
Total Expenses	-191.15
Net Change	-137.90

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### Income By Category

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Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Membership (Income)			48.25
	Dues	48.25	
Station (Income)			5.00
	W2T / W2P	5.00	
TOTAL			53.25

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### Expenses By Category

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Category	Subcategory	Amount	Category Total
Physical Plant			-164.65
	Internet (Verizon)	-54.99	
	Electric (PSE&G)	-109.66	
Public Information			-26.50
	Newsletter / Press Releases / MailChimp	-26.50	
TOTAL			-191.15

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Respectfully Submitted by Rich Freedman N2EHL, Treasurer