

DELAWARE REPEATER ASSOCIATION (DRA)
MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING
MONDAY 19 June 2019
As approved 9 September 2019

The Quarterly meeting of the Delaware Repeater Association (DRA) was held at the Brandywine Town Center Community Recreation Center, 4050 Brandywine Parkway, North Wilmington, DE, on Monday, 19 June 2019.

DRA President Frank Filipkowski (AD3M) called the meeting to order at 1902, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to honor fallen first responders, military, and Silent Keys, including SK KC3FA, Carl Acker.

The following amateurs were present for this meeting: Frank Filipkowski AD3M (President); Dave Stepnowski KC3AM (Vice President); Mark Stillman KA3JUI (Treasurer); Dave Scott KC3BEJ (Secretary); Paul Milazzo K3PGM; Tom Perry KC3FAU; Bill Greenhalgh W3DE (Emeritus); John DiGiovanni N3LUD (at large); Joe Petro N1FLU; and, Wayne Hale K3WHH.

Frank Filipkowski proposed the meeting agenda to include a training session on Winlink, due to the obsolescence of a lot of on line Winlink information.

REPORTS

Frank Filipkowski gave a brief update on the Winlink operating system at the Ebright Rd repeater. He noted the new W3DRA-10 Winlink node frequency is 145.070. Frank also noted the need to get a work detail to power wash the Ebright Rd brick house sometime in mid-July.

Treasurer Mark Stillman reported \$1910.62 in our account as of 3 June 2019. The Treasurers report was unanimously approved, a copy of which will be appended to the final approved minutes of this meeting.

Secretary Dave Scott delivered the Minutes of the 11 March 2019 meeting, which were unanimously approved.

Vice President Dave Stepnowski provided an update on the conditions at the Ebright Rd facility. In addition to the aforementioned need for power washing the block house, Dave reported some repairs have been made to the chain link fence. He said things were satisfactory at Newark. He got a new amplifier for Newark, but has not had time to set things up.

Member at Large John Di Giovanni reported that parts were on order for the MESH network at Wilmington Hospital. Paul Milazzo added that the Porter Road Filtration Plant is a good intermediate location between Wilmington Hospital and the Ebright Rd Repeater Tower to ensure effective MESH communications between these sites. There are some trees in the way between Porter Rd and the Ebright Tower, but tests done two years ago worked. He also noted that there is no lightning protection at the Filtration Plant.

Dave Scott offered a motion to reimburse Paul Milazzo for his out of pocket expenses related to the MESH network at the Filtration Plant. Motion was unanimously approved. Paul will bring appropriate receipts to the September meeting for reimbursement from the DRA Treasury.

NEW BUSINESS

Dave Scott said he needed to update the NCC ARES Emergency Frequency Guide to indicate the new W3DRA-10 node frequency of 145.070. He reported this frequency is working fine during recent packet communications on the weekly Monday Statewide Winlink net.

Dave also provided an update on planning activity for the upcoming Saturday 5 October Statewide ARES Simulated Emergency Test (SET).

Dave also solicited volunteers for communications duty at the upcoming Wilmington-Kalmar Nyckel Pirate Fest scheduled for 29 June.

Dave Stepnowski updated on his group's upcoming Field Day plans, scheduled for Lancashire Elementary school on Naaman's Rd.

Paul Milazzo reported on testing out VARA-FM for Packet Comms during recent Monday Winlink nets. He still has not completed some pending D-Star repairs.

Finally, Frank Filipkowski reported that recent DE DMV regulation changes will not impact Amateurs' right to keep legacy style black & white license plates with letters and numbers.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business discussed.

TRAINING

Frank presented a Power Point show on Winlink, including how to include ICS form attachments to messages.

Meeting was adjourned at 2000.

Next meeting will be Monday 9 September 2019 at the Brandywine Town Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Scott KC3BEJ, Secretary

Delaware Repeater Association

Treasurer's Report

June 3, 2019

Beginning Balance (March 5, 2019)

\$2209.37

Income

Dues Received	\$ 39.12
Accumulated Interest	<u>\$.11</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 39.23

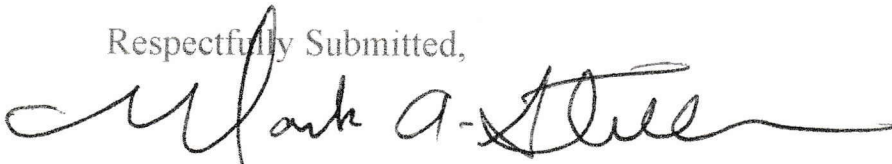
Expenses

Mercer Consumer (insurance)	\$ 320.00
Name.Com (domain name renewal)	<u>\$ 17.98</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 337.98

Balance in Checking Account

\$1910.62

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark Stillman KA3JUI, Treasurer