

**DELAWARE REPEATER ASSOCIATION (DRA)**  
**MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING**  
**MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2019**  
**(As approved 9 December 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 9 September 2019.

DRA President Frank Filipkowski 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.

The following persons were present: President Frank Filipkowski (AD3M); Vice President Dave Stepnowski (KC3AM); Treasurer Mark Stillman (KA3JUJ); Secretary Dave Scott (KC3BEJ); Trustee and Register Agent Bill Greenhalgh (W3DE); Member-at-Large John DiGiovanni (N3LUD); Paul Milazzo (K3PGM); Wayne Hale (K3WHH); Rob Olszewski (N3FJ); Tom Perry (KC3FAU); and guest presenter Barry Feierman (K3EUI).

**REPORTS:**

Frank reported that the 2715 Ebright Rd block house has been power washed to bare brick. Dave Stepnowski complimented Frank on the power washing effort. The team is now waiting for a good weather window for painting; it's anticipated it will take about 2-3 hours for painting.

Frank gave an update on the Windows 10 install on the operating machine used for Winlink.

Dave Stepnowski briefed us on the status of the Newark repeater. The 70 cm repeater is in good condition. The 448.025 MHz repeater has a Motorola amp which should perform without problems. Dave noted that the City of Newark takes care of the building and backup generator for us.

Mark Stillman delivered the Treasurer's report; as of 1 Sept 2019, we have \$1920.39 in our account. A copy of the Treasurer's report will be appended to the approved minutes of this meeting.

Dave Scott read the minutes from the 19 June 2019 meeting, which were unanimously approved.

Paul Milazzo gave an update on the MESH system. Paul is continuing his work on the Wilmington Hospital-Porter Road Filtration Station (PRFS)-Ebright Tower MESH link. As of this meeting, he is still waiting on parts for the equipment at Wilmington Hospital. Paul also provided a handout of the proposed PRFS MESH installation. We need to find a way to fund the remainder of this project.

John DiGiovanni had no new info to pass at this time.

Bill Greenhalgh reported on a meeting he attended in Georgetown concerning 501(c)(3) organizations. There followed some discussion by our group of the pros and cons of incorporating as a non-profit organization, including tax advantages and getting charitable donations.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Volunteers were solicited for the block house painting project, date TBD depending on weather.

Dave Scott briefed attendees on the upcoming DE Statewide Simulated Emergency Test (SET) scheduled for Saturday 5 October 2019. Dave noted several DRA members had already signed up to participate at the New Castle County EOC, as well as from their home stations.

Discussion moved to new meeting locations for 2020, in order to make things easier for members who live in southern New Castle County. Several suggestions were offered, including Christiana Hospital in Newark; Michael's restaurant in Newark; NCC library facilities in Bear; and NCC office buildings in New Castle. These will be explored and discussed again in the December meeting. We are confirmed at our current Brandywine Town Center location for the rest of 2019.

Frank observed that we need to get nominations for the 2020 slate of officers. Dave Stepnowski and Mark Stillman will take this on. Frank and Bill will conduct the required annual Treasury Audit.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None raised.

Meeting adjourned at 19:45.

Next meeting is set for Monday 9 December 2019 at the Brandywine Town Center.

Barry Feerman of Chester County ARES gave the post meeting presentation on Emergency Communications, with a focus on Winlink and FLDIGI.

Respectfully submitted 31 October 2019,

Dave Scott, Secretary

**Delaware Repeater Association**

**Treasurer's Report**

**September 1, 2019**

**Beginning Balance (June 3, 2019)**

**\$1910.62**

**Income**

Dues Received	\$ 9.41
Insurance Refund: W Greenhalgh (1)	\$ 200.00
Accumulated Interest	<u>\$ .36</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 209.77</b>

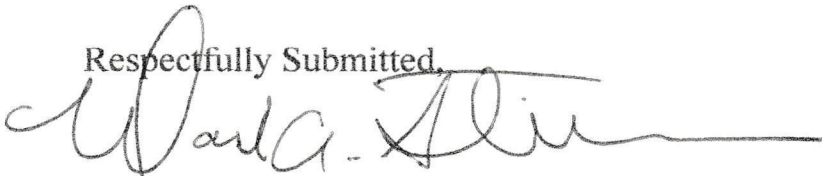
**Expenses**

W. Greenhalgh: 2019 Field Day Insurance (1)	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>

**Balance in Checking Account**

**\$1920.39**

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark Stillman KA3JUI, Treasurer

(1) Comment: Insurance for 2019 field day site purchased independently by W. Greenhalgh. But, then was not needed. The refund check from the insurance carrier was endorsed to DRA (in error) vs. W. Greenhalgh. Refund check deposited to DRA account and a check written to W. Greenhalgh.