

**DELAWARE-LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Inc.**

May 2026

**W3OK
CORRAL**

Club Meeting May 7th, 7 pm at the
Nancy Run Firehouse.
3564 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18020
Zoom will be available

May's Program
Field Day Preps





DLARC General Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 04/02-2026

A meeting of the DLARC General Members was at the Nancy Run Fire Social Hall

Proceedings:

Dean called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours followed by the pledge of allegiance.

A moment of silence was called for the now Silent Key Bob Green.

President's Report:

President Dean Guth sends a special thank you to KC3EVL (Pete) for doing a presentation for the fourth grade at William Penn School. That is an excellent thing that he did. Also, to add, N3SQD (George) is recognized for contacting that program. Thank you very much, it is appreciated.

Secretary's Report:

Published minutes were motioned and approved as published

Treasurer's Report:

Larry presented the report

Motion to approve by Ken

2nd by Tim

Motion carried

New Business:

Lengthy discussion on the new Testing method with the ARRL

Ken reported that a group of members attended the W3OI meeting to learn more about the ARRL testing process using computer-based, electronically administered exams.

Ralph suggested holding a meeting to ensure all current VEs are registered. Even if paper is still used, testing is moving to a fully electronic (paperless) process. And Results are immediate.

All candidates are pre-registered, so only payment collection and ID verification are needed at the session.

Larry shared that he received a message from Scott regarding candidates using their own tablets.

Ralph stated that W3OI does not allow personal devices.

It is recommended that the club purchase tablets for exam sessions.

Jay suggested forming a committee to review requirements and determine needed materials, primarily tablets. This could potentially fall under the Tech Committee.

George suggested that John serve as liaison, as he is currently in charge of the VEC.

George asked if Ralph and Ken would be willing to lead and organize the effort.

A list of all current VEs in the club needs to be compiled.

Terry noted that a list of VEs may already exist on the website.

Ken will ask John N3IGA to send out an email.

George met with Bob Green's wife, Andrea, to go through items in his shack and identify equipment the club may need.

George suggested organizing items into totes.

Additional equipment and materials are expected.

Ken noted that services for Bob Green will be held at a later date; more information will be provided when available.

Old Business:

Jay reported that the club will have an open house 4/18 10-4

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 19:28 hours.

Minutes submitted by Secretary



DLARC Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, 04/20/2026

A meeting of the DLARC Board of Directors was at the Northampton County 911 Center, with the following in attendance:

Board Members Attendees:

Member	Call Sign	Email	Role	Present
Dean Guth	AB3BD	babydean1@hotmail.com	President	Present
Jay Reid	KC3ZFR	bvfc281@hotmail.com	Vice President	Present
Wayne Westfield	N3FQ	N3fq@thewestfields.com	Secretary	Present
Larry Butler	KC3JTK	lrbutler800@gmail.com	Treasurer	Present
Adam Gauntz	N3LAG	agemt1@aol.com	Director	Present
Bill Carlsen	KD3FLY	wcarlsenpsu@gmail.com	Director	Absent
Henry Adams	KD3AFL	hadam29230@aol.com	Director	Present
Steve Harper	W3NAM	sharper3152@gmail.com	Director	
Andrew Parker	WV1B	aaparker@earthlink.net	Director	Present
Terry Swinney	KC3JHT	ldocapt@gmail.com	Past President	Present
John Barbaz	NT3P	NT3P@arrl.net	Guest	Present

Proceedings:

A quorum being present, the Dean called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours.

President's Report:

Open House was very successful with strong attendance.

Special recognition to Jay Reid (KC3ZFR) for organizing the event.

Secretary's Report:

Motion to approve previous minutes.

Motion: Dean Guth
Second: Adam Gauntz
Approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report:

Larry gave the report
Motion: Dean Guth
Second: Andrew Parker
Approved unanimously

New Business:

VE sessions and discussion on the future of how we test

John discussed the future that the ARRL is moving to digital and will not be sending testing supplies moving forward, said paper is an option but there is nothing sent by ARRL we would have to print everything

Aprox. 130 per tablet

Kiosk software fee is \$2-\$10 - John needs to get more price on the cost, not happy about the costs given we only get about \$7 per applicant

Dean suggested that going with paper is a huge Hassel

Andrew asked how many applicants we get in a typical year -
John said we have 4-6 people sometimes more for testing

Dean said that he is leaning towards 5 tablets

Andrew asked what John would like, John responded 7 would allow for backups, preference is to go electronic

John suggested we need a hot spot, and will work through it this year using local members' phone hot spot

Target is Field day

Jay suggested that tech committee and John research future potential for hotspot - John (NT3P) will work with the Tech committee

Motion to purchase by Dean \$850 total max

5 tablet 750 max

Case 50

Possibly need charger

Kiosk 50

2nd By - Andrew

Nays - 0

Motion carried unanimously

Coolers and Grills

Adam N3LAG opened the discussion

Adam said that the coolers are starting to get ratty (Broken, etc.)

Would like to get 3 coolers - No price

Said the 2 grills, one is broken, would like to get a decent charcoal grill - no Price

Adam will research prices and return, Adam will get rid of the two broken grills

Adam asked if we could make Aiden the Club Youth coordinator for the club

Everyone agrees that it would be a great role for Aiden KD3BHM

Adam will talk to Aiden; Adam returned with information that Aiden accepted

This role would work with the PIO

Jay motion to create position

2nd by Wayne

Nays - 0

Motion carried unanimously

Nifty Manuals for the two new radios

Dean opened discussions on thinking it was a good idea to have the quick reference manuals for the new radios.

Motion by Dean to purchase Up to \$70 preference is to pick up at HRO with next road trip by some members.

2nd by Jay

Nays -

Motion carried unanimously

Excess equipment advertising on the website for members

Larry opened discussions about the old equipment that we have

Bill KD3FLY said he would post the information if Larry KC3JTK got it to him, this going to be for members only, recommended that Aiden do the posting of the equipment.

Terry suggested that if it does not sell after a period of time we then put it up for public sale

Adam said there might be some equipment that is not sellable and will get rid of it

Jay recommended that Adam and Aiden do a full inventory

Andrew recommended that it also be added to the newsletter

Adam will start inventory, and Aiden will be taught how to post

Terry thinks we need a new projector screen, starting the food for thought

Jay suggested holding on he might have a line on something

Tabled for further discussion

PIO

Adam suggested that we have a PIO and he has one in office

Adam Motioned to create PIO position

2nd Wayne

Motion carried, Jay will do the duties for now until role is filled

Old Business:

DLARC Open House

Jay Reported that it was well attended and had several visitors, Jay made notes for next year. Jay thinks we should be able to demo CW at the next open house

Summer Field Day planning

Jay reported that they have had meetings

Adam reported on what the general plan will be, signage, etc., we now have a check list

Food, etc. is planned

Planning is ongoing

Larry said that target is to have satellite station up for field day

Fire extinguishers

Adam N3LAG Reported that it is installed and rechargeable

This is the 2nd, first one discharged in the box and has to return it.

Discussion about other places to use to recharge, Kistler is pricy

Adam will research other options

Zoom meeting improvement/equipment

Wayne motioned to build committee for meeting and technology improvement

General members, it was thought that Ralph KC3VII might make a good chair

2nd by Larry

Motion carried unanimously

Ham Club Online Demo - Tabled till next meeting

Groups.io - General Club communications

Bill sent an email that said the ability was deprecated in the Club website and could not be used any longer. He did suggest using Google Groups.

Question on the two ways the club could use Groups.io

Just for member-to-member communications

As the official method for the club to communicate to all members and member to member communications, although Ham Club Online is typically used for this purpose by other clubs

Motion by Wayne to use Groups.io for up to 100 users and readdress if and when we go over

2nd by Andrew

Nays - 1 Dean

Motion carried unanimously, Wayne will set up and build the documentation

Other Updates and Discussions

Andrew, sent out amendments for by law, will have a meeting

Andrew - needs a second person to do the audit while he is in town, Andrew will try to find a 2nd person

Shorth discussion on the on how the website is slow and password reset is taking an hour

Larry, said that anyone can join the club via the website it is automatically accepted, Larry will talk to Bill to correct since the bylaws say we need sponsorship, Dean, wanted to know who the sponsors for the testers will be if they pass for membership, that will be Jay

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 20:41 hours.

Minutes submitted by

Secretary

DLARC ARRL World Amateur Radio Day Pictures







Pictures were taken by
Dave, N3EYT

New Weekly Net

Tom KD3BZF and Aiden KD3BHM invite you to join us for a brand-new weekly net. Thursday evenings at 1900hrs. This will be a guided round table rag chew net.

This net is designed to promote club repeater use and camaraderie between hams.

Come have some fun and chat.

Antenna Work At Dean, AB3BN







Pictures by Dave, N3EYT

DLARC NETS AND EVENTS CALENDAR May 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6 7 pm DLARC NET	7 CLUB MEETING 7 PM	8 VE TEST SESSION 7 PM	9
10	11	12	13 7 pm DLARC NET	14 Talk Around Net 7 pm	15	16
17	18	19	20 7 pm DLARC NET	21 Talk Around Net 7 pm	22	23
24	25	26	27 7 pm DLARC NET	28 Talk Around Net 7 pm	29	30
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WEDNESDAY NIGHT NETS

Additional Net Controls are needed for the Wednesday Night ARES, RACES & DLARC net. If we have enough interested operators, it will only be necessary for each operator to have only one net session in each three-month period. 13 weeks in a period, then 13 net controls would be ideal, and some extras to fill in if needed.

This would give us a pool of experienced controls, for any emergency which would arise. Interested operators should contact George, N3SQD at george@bioserv.com. The NIMS IS-700 and ICS-100 courses are not needed to be a net control, but should the need arise, and we do supply controls and operators for real emergencies, then the courses requirement will be in effect and EMA issued IDs will need to be on the scene of an emergency.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY ARES, RACES AND DLARC NET

All Radio Amateurs are welcome to take part in the ARES, RACES and DLARC net. This net meets Wednesday at 1900 hours local time, on the W3OK Repeater 51.76, 146.70 and 444.90 (pl 151.4). With an alternate frequency of 147.135 + DPL 315) W3OI Repeater. Other inputs are the 146.85 repeater, (151.4 PL) and Echolink at K2PM-R.

QCWA Chapter 17 holds a net Monday evening at 7:30 PM on 3958 +/- depending on conditions.

Mid-Atlantic D-Star Net meets each Tuesday at 7:30 PM. The following repeaters Dstar repeaters are available in the Lehigh Valley.
W3OK -145.11000MHz -0.600 Port C – W3OI -147.16500MHz +0.600 Port C, – W3OI - 445.02500MHz -5.000 Port B

All repeaters on the net are linked through **Reflector 020 port A**, so all stations checking into the net should make sure that they have *their local repeater call sign followed by the letter "G" in the eight positions of the RPT2 field*. Otherwise, you will only be heard locally and not over the Reflector. Dongle users wishing to check into the net should Log On by connecting directly to Reflector 20, port A, rather than through your local repeater to conserve local bandwidth.

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Andrew Parker / WV1B
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PHONE NUMBERS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE DLARC CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE / MEMBERSHIP LISTING CLUB MEETINGS.

All regular meetings of the D.L.A.R.C. are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM at the Nancy Run Firehouse. TALK IN ON 146.700 (PL 151.4)
Club Station Telephone Number **484-291-1527** Email Address – W3OK@arrl.net

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