

.David Graham, President of DFARG, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. David Graham, called the Secretary, Jim Walters, to read the Minutes of the September 19, 2019, Meeting. Then, the Secretary in keeping with an established procedure where members in attendance were polled to determine that a majority had read the Minutes on line, moved to approve the Minutes as read including corrections. The Minutes were unanimously approved as read

3. Hugh Sammons gave the monthly Treasurer's report.

Beginning balance	1,180.16
Gas Expense	-14.98
Dues Received	+20.00
Closing Balance	1,185.18

4. President Graham welcomed Nancy Upchurch, Marvin's daughter, and her husband to DFARG's October meeting. Jim Walters as DFARG Legal Officer executed Newberry County Probate documents presented by Nancy certifying Marvin's equipment inventory prepared by Tim Smith, Smitty, and donated by Nancy to DFARG. Nancy was told of DFARG's plan to establish a memorial station using Marvin's equipment to honor her father. Smitty, a VEC, will be assisting Nancy as a new DFARG member in obtaining her Technician license and filing with the FCC for Marvin's call, W2PAT. As Marvin's daughter Nancy will not have to wait the regulatory two years after the previous holder's passing to file for W2PAT.

5. Dan Goldston, Newberry County ARES representative and DFARG member, reports that the vhf/uhf communication link between the Newberry EOC and Newberry hospital is now operational but Corey Bishop needs volunteer communicators to test and use it.

6. David Graham has learned from meeting with the County fire chief that the ladder truck's mobile units have failed to meet certified response requirements. Tommy Long, Newberry County Emergency Preparedness Director is working at the State level to certify DFARG to assist in alleviating the situation.

7. Jack Jackson, thanked Nancy again for her heartfelt donation of Marvin's radio equipment to DFARG. Then, on behalf of DFARG, Jack presented Nancy with Marvin's QCWA, Quarter Century Wireless Association, plaque and the Heil, PR-20 microphone and stand that Marvin had used with his Icom 756 Pro III. Nancy graciously accepted the plaque and microphone, thereafter speaking with emotion of her dear father and his life time of memorable achievements and how W2PAT, 86 years a Ham, was on the radio talking with his friends up to his passing. Hugh Sammons told the story that when Marvin attended Cliff's 107th. birthday party, Marvin quipped that it was the first time the party was for someone older than him.

8. Jim Lamb Chairman of the Nomination Committee presented to the Group a slate of five qualified candidates for nomination to serve as DFARG's officers for 2020. Candidates were selected to serve in the following positions: Charlie Brown, KD4CB, President; Tim Smith, K4OIW, Vice President; Elaine Thorp, N4EHT, Secretary; John Seibels, K4AXV, Treasurer; and, Jim Walters, KB4FF, Legal Officer. A motion to accept the Committee's recommended candidates for nomination was made, seconded and upon the affirmative vote of the Group the nominees were approved as candidates for election to be held November 21, 2019. In addition to nominees recommended by the Nomination Committee, candidates may also be nominated from the floor. Upon the President's call for "any other nominations", Jack Jackson, offered Bruce Frost's, KI4VRO, nomination first for President then for Vice President, Bruce being unwilling to serve as President. Upon motion seconded, Bruce Frost, KI4VRO, was nominated as a candidate for Vice President. Thereafter, the President closed the nominations and directed the November 21, 2019, election to be conducted by secret ballot.

9. David Graham spoke at length of his enjoyable time serving as DFARG President and the pleasure of welcoming all the new members and guest speakers. Satisfaction was expressed in leading DFARG's reorganization and its merger with PARC, as well as, in his involvement in the many improvements made to the facility and equipment. David expressed regret in not continuing to serve his amateur radio friends as President next year. He explained that His position as fire chief, increased travel, involvement with the Boy Scouts and expectations of his spouse will keep him busy.

10. Charlie Brown is in the process of polling recipients of the DFARG News Letter to determine who might object to inclusion of their email address in distribution of the DFARG Roster. When finished, the email edited, and updated DFARG Roster, as same may be amended from time to time, will be sent to all present and future News Letter recipients as an attached Excel file. To email a member, click on "Enable Editing", open the file and click on a member's email address to activate your "New Mail" app to send a message. If you aren't using Windows O/S with Excel or cannot open the file, a hard copy of the Roster will be available at the monthly meeting. Copies available at the monthly meeting will show all email addresses of record.

11. A member stated that he had recently spoken with Tom Francis about the DFARG name tags. He is not feeling well, but we should expect him to deliver them at the November, 21, 2019, meeting.

12. John Miller announced that he would conduct QRP Training at the Shack starting the third week in January, 2020, with emphasis on developing CW skills. Classes will run two hours each night, Monday through Friday for five days. Code practice oscillators will be furnished each participant. John is providing us a fantastic opportunity to improve our CW sending and receiving speed. Training that most all of us can benefit from.

13. Jack Jackson as a Facilities Committee Director has agreed to find a way to repair the HF, yagi, beam. The difficulty lies in obtaining a bucket truck or crane needed to reach the split boom. The aluminum, end tube of the telescoping boom has dropped a few degrees from the supporting