

1. David Graham, President of DFARG, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. with nineteen members in attendance.

2. David Graham, called the Secretary, Jim Walters, to read the Minutes of the August 15, 2019, Meeting. The Secretary announced that at the request of John Seibels, K4AXV, Trustee of W4MN, henceforth the Minutes would be read as the minutes of the joint meeting of DFARG and PARC. It was explained that this is being done to validate and affirm the continued functioning of PARC as an active amateur radio organization in the eyes of the ARRL. Then, the Secretary in keeping with a procedure established last month, 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 one correction to the section on Orbiting Satellites Carrying Amateur Radio. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

Beginning Balance	1,180.16
Gas expense	-14.98
Closing Balance	1,165.18

4. President Graham recognized and congratulated Charlie Brown on doing a fine job in spreading the word about DFARG through his maintenance of w4dfg.org, publication of DFARG's News Letter, and presenting well prepared and interesting programs.

5. Section 8 of DFARG's By Laws provides: Two months prior to the election of officers the President shall appoint a Nomination Committee consisting of three Full Members to select a slate of qualified candidates for five officer positions for the coming year to be presented to the membership for election at the November meeting. Jim Lamb, Doug Welborn and Jack Jackson have been appointed by the President to serve on the Nomination Committee. While the Nomination Committee will put forth nominees for the five DFARG officer positions, candidates may also be nominated from the floor during the November meeting.

6. After extensive proofing the DFARG Roster containing member and visitor name, email and call sign information is thought to be relatively error free. The updated Roster will be sent to all News Letter recipients as an attached Excel file. Open the file, click on **Enable Editing**, then, click on the email address of a member chosen from the roster to activate your "New Mail" message app. If you aren't using a Windows O/S with Excel or equivalent spread sheet program or cannot open the file a hard copy of the Roster will be available at the November meeting.

7. It was asked where are the DFARG name tags that Tom Frances ordered. A member replied that Tom had them at home and would probably bring the name tags to the October meeting.

8. Hugh Sammons asked if a tower climber could be retained to repair DFARG's broken antenna rotor. David Graham offered to contact a fireman friend who owns a bucket truck to have a look at the rotor, but David did not know what the cost to DFARG would be to rent the truck.

9. It was Tom Blease's understanding from reading Tom Francis' email that Tom Francis contacted The Flight Deck and confirmed scheduling of DFARG's Christmas Party the 2nd Saturday in December, December 14, 2019, at 7:00 pm.

10. Jack Jackson confirmed that a Spectrum Tech has installed a new Modem/Router at the shack that provides a data transfer rate up to 100 mega bits per second. However, any **wireless** device

seeking to connect must be programmed with a new alpha numeric, multi character access code. **dfargdfarg** will no longer access the router from your smartphone. It is unnecessary to program the access code in Cat 5/6 devices connected directly to the router, i.e. a computer. If the new router has built in Cat 5/6, RJ45 connectors we should be able to connect DFARG's camera system's Digital Video Recorder to the internet allowing us to bring up camera video from the shack on our smartphone after down loading the DVR vendor's camera app. Of course, you must first enter the access code for the new Spectrum router in your smartphone before the camera app will work..

11. Tim Smith, Smitty, has prepared a power point presentation for the Extra class license and will soon be conducting classes and testing applicants.

12. John Seibels, first showed the group a box shaped like a classic novel in which he had installed his kit, QRP transceiver, then, announced that the ETV engineer he contacted had reprogrammed the 147.21, repeater, CW ider to squak W4MN. However, after the fact it was learned that Paul Marsha, K4AVU, former repeater trustee, requested last year that ETV as owner of the 147.21 repeater transfer its coordination to SCHEART and register it with the South Eastern Repeater Association, SERA, with the call sign WR4SC. While ETV did register coordination with SERA the repeater wasn't certified as operational so SERA initially dropped it from their publication. Also, a ETV engineer never changed the CW id to WR4SC until recently after John Seibels asked that it be changed from K4AVU to W4MN. So for too brief a time the Little Mountain repeater was W4MN. Thank you John for without your involvement the matter would have remained unresolved.

13. David Graham, Jack Jackson, Doug Welborn, Hugh Sammons, and Tim Smith made plans to pick up, transport to the Shack, then, inventory W2PAT, Marvin Bernstein's, radio equipment that Nancy, Marvin's Sister as administrator of Marvin's estate, was contributing to DFARG as Marvin had requested.

14. Kevin Nason, N4XL, from the Greenwood club presented a program on **Radiosport**, Amateur Radio contesting and logging. An active contester with many "wins" to his credit N4XL maintains a "Little Pistol" station consisting of a Kenwood TS 590s, feeding a Bencher Skyhawk beam at 50 ft. for 10, 15, and 20 mtrs. The main antenna for 40 and 80 is a top loaded 33 ft. vertical mounted seven feet above ground. A 520 ft. horizontal loop 25 ft. above ground is used on 160 through 15 mtrs. Kevin also uses a commercial K9AY loop as his primary receive antenna for 80 and 160 mtrs. For details of his program, see page 8.

15. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 pm.

Jim Walters
Secretary