

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary

President Howard Suffill, W2HTS called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm. There were 20 members and 2 guests present. The guests were Steve Brunner from Freehold who hopes to obtain his license at the December test session and George Wilner, K2ONP from Wall. After the pledge to the flag, all present introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report

Bob, W2OD read the minutes of the December 6 meeting. A motion was made by Ralph, KC2YNL and seconded by Art, W2NAZ to accept the minutes as read. The motion passed unanimously. Bob pointed out that the minutes are on the members-only page of the GSARA website and he expects the minutes of this meeting should be on the site within a day or two.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John, KC2YWL gave the treasurer's report. A motion was made by Art, W2NAZ and seconded by Ralph, KC2YNL to accept the treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

No committee chair people were present so there were no committee reports. Howard reminded us that anyone can e-mail to a particular committee by using a name followed by @gardenstateara.org. Valid names are: FD, Hamfest, VE, Elmer, Youth or Officers.

Old Business

A motion was made by Ralph, KC2YNL and seconded by Phil, N2EDX to approve the expenditure of \$14.96 for silent key plates for Bruce, K2QXW and Tony, KA2ZSI. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Blair, KD2EPA and seconded by Hunter to approve the expenditure of \$146.21 for the printing and mailing of past Propagators as well as 2018 registration of GSARA in New Jersey. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Blair, KD2EPA and seconded by Mike, W2MJP to approve the expenditure of \$23.97 for refreshments for the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Paul, AD7I will be experimenting with digital modes on 2 meters, including some digital transmission through the W2GSA repeater. This will probably occur after the ARES/RACES net at 8:00 pm Mondays or before the GSARA Net on Tuesdays at around 8:15 pm. Anyone downloading Fldigi on their shack computer will be able to copy (and send) these digital transmissions.

Announcements

Bob, W2OD announced that the New Providence Amateur Radio Club will be celebrating Kids Day on Sunday, January 7, 2018. Listen for them between 2 pm and 5 pm on repeaters and on HF SSB. Note that Kid's Day is officially on Saturday, January 6 but they will be on the following day.

Close

The door prize of \$20 was won by Chris, KD2OBV. There being no further business, a motion was made by Denis, N2NPT and seconded by Blair, KD2EPA to adjourn the meeting which was closed at 8:25 pm.