

## **MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2017 MEETING**

**By Bob Buus, W2OD**

President Howard Suffill, W2HTS called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm. There were 23 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 a letter received from Paul Roman thanking GSARA for our services at the Twin Lights Bike Tour with over 2000 riders. He enclosed a \$300 donation to GSARA which was forwarded to Treasurer John, KC2YWL.

A motion was made by Art, N2AJ0 and seconded by Art, W2NAZ to accept the minutes of the last meeting as they were published in the Propagator. The motion passed unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report

Outgoing Treasurer John, KA2F was absent so there was no final report from him. The audit committee was also absent but Howard, W2HTS reported that our finances appear to be in order. Incoming Treasurer John, KC2YWL reported that our starting balance is \$8041.48 with an additional \$67.50 in petty cash. A motion was made by Art, W2NAZ and seconded by Ralph, KC2YNL to accept the treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.

### New Members

An application for membership was received with payment of \$7.50 from Mark Howe, KD2LUK from Jackson. First licensed in 2016, Mark holds a Technician license and is on 2 meters and 70 cm with his Kenwood TH-V71A. An engineer and ARRL member, Mark requests Active membership. The application was submitted on October 27 so the dues payment of \$7.50 was intended for the rest of 2017. However, since the application was not acted upon until December 6, the \$7.50 would apply to the first half of 2017.

An application for membership was received from Joe Hewes, WA2JOE from Freehold. Licensed since 2015, Joe holds a General class license and is on SSB on HF and FM on VHF and UHF. He is a Pastor who is interested in Emergency Communications and Skywarn. Other interests include photography, cycling, and listening to music. An ARRL member, he requests Active membership in GSARA.

A motion was made by Bob, W2OD and seconded by Chris, W2NQB to accept both candidates as active members of the GSARA. The motion passed unanimously.

### Youth Committee Report

Jake, KD2MGE was absent so Cy, K2CYS summarized some of the activity of the Youth Committee. Liaison is being established with Boy Scouts in the area and we are working jointly with OMARC. Pastor Joe Hewes, WA2JOE is planning on making a presentation about amateur radio in March or April to a youth group.

### Elmer Committee Report

Marty, N2BMK was absent but Howard, W2HTS asked all members to review the spreadsheet recently sent to all members and give Marty additional input.

### Old Business

Howard, W2HTS reported that the Hamfest and Field Day are months away in the spring but to please consider helping out in either or both activities. Contact Rem, K2REM about the Hamfest and Arek, K2KP about Field Day.

Chris, W2NQB reported progress on making our tower unclimbable by unauthorized parties. The solution is to add bolt-on panels to the bottom section on all three sides of the tower. Commercial panels are available for about \$800 but Chris can build them himself for much less. He is working on details of a design.

Howard, W2HTS pointed out that the tower is leaning slightly due to settling of the blocks under the trailer. We should plumb it and redo the guy wires to make it vertical.

#### New Business

.It was suggested by Paul, AD7I that our website home page should show when and where our next meeting will be. Cy, K2CYS said he would look into implementing this. Cy also suggested that if anyone finds a neat website, to send him the link which he can then put on our website.

It was suggested that if we could have a members-only location on our website, we could put non-public documents such as our Roster or the Minutes of our meetings on it. Cy, K2CYS thought it could be done and that he will look into it.

It was brought up that we should look into what is required to become a 501-C3 organization so donators can get a tax deduction for donations made to GSARA. Howard, W2HTS and John, KC2YWL will look into this.

#### Announcements

Howard, W2HTS is looking for operating events in the early part of 2018 that GSARA could participate in from our club station. Send any ideas to Howard.

Howard, W2HTS said that GSARA yellow shirts will be ordered next Monday.

#### Program

Art Olson, N2AJ0 gave an interesting presentation on how to use the new digital oscilloscopes. They have come a long way from the bulky CRT-based analog oscilloscopes of the past. The new scopes are compact, easy to use and interface to a computer for flexibility and storage. For \$200 to \$300 you can purchase a new oscilloscope with amazing capabilities.

#### Close

The door prize of \$20 was won by Jay, W2FLK. There being no further business, a motion was made by Chris, W2NQB and seconded by Jeff, N2JFL to adjourn the meeting which was closed at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary