

MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2018 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary

President Howard Suffill, W2HTS called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. There were 25 members and 2 guests present. The guests were Mike Piatti, KD2KIO from Leonardo and Mike Letendre, KC2VRE from Eatontown. After the pledge to the flag, all present introduced themselves.

Health and Welfare

Rosalie "Cookie" Manza, the mother of former GSARA member Anthony Manza, K2ARK passed away on December 28. A moment of silence was observed in her memory. Bob, W2OD was asked to send the information to Cy, K2CYS so a condolence card may be sent.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Art, N2AJ0 and seconded by Denis, K2NPT to accept the minutes of the last meeting as they appear on the GSARA members-only web site. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report will be presented at the January 17 meeting by John, KC2YWL

New Members

An application for membership was received with payment of \$15.00 from Mark Piatti, KD2KIO from Leonardo. First licensed in 2016, Mark holds a Technician license and is on 2 meters, 70 cm and Echolink with his Yaesu VX-6R. A TV broadcast engineer and ARRL member, Mark requests Active membership. He is interested in JT65, WSPR, SSTV and Satellites. Other interests include motorsports and classic vehicles. A motion was made by Marty, N2BMK and seconded by Mike, W2MJP to accept Mike as an active members of the GSARA. The motion passed unanimously.

Youth Committee Report

Jake, KD2MGE is working with Joe, WA2JOE on a presentation about amateur radio to some area Boy Scouts. Jake and Cy, K2CYS are planning on participating in Kids Day in the spring. They are also planning on participating in the Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air in the fall.

Presentation

A certificate from the QCWA noting 65 years of amateur service was presented to Bob, W2OD by President Howard, W2HTS.

New Business

.Howard, W2HTS asked the members if there would be interest in operating winter Field Day on January 27 and 28. No interest was indicated.

A motion was made by Blair, KD2EPA and seconded by Ralph, KC2YNL to authorize up to \$50 to Howard for purchase of beverages for the radio shack. The motion passed unanimously.

Denis, K2NPT presented a sample of a one-page, two-sided brochure advertising GSARA to be handed out to test takers at the VE sessions and other activities. He was asked to send a draft copy to the GSARA officers and get their comments.

There were questions about the operation of the GSARA digipeater on the UPS tower. Bob, W2OD was asked to send a note to Cy, K2CYS for incorporation at the GSARA web site.

Denis, K2NPT suggested that GSARA install a Fusion II repeater to replace our analog repeater at 147.045. There was some discussion about Fusion so it was suggested that the program for the February 7 meeting be about Fusion. Further discussion about replacing our repeater could take place after the talk.

Program

Paul Newland, AD7I gave an interesting presentation on using the free open source program called CHIRP to program the many memories in modern VHF and UHF rigs. Paul has designed a universal interface which can be used with a custom cable to program almost all of the popular rigs. Those interested in building this low-cost interface can contact Paul for the details.

Close

The door prize of \$22 was won by Syd, KG2CM. There being no further business, a motion was made by Blair, KD2EPA and seconded by Art, W2NAZ to adjourn the meeting which was closed at 8:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary