

MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2017 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary

President Howard Suffill, W2HTS called the meeting to order at 7:41 pm. There were 13 members present. After the pledge to the flag, all present introduced themselves.

Health and Welfare

Bob, W2OD reported that Bob Boule, W2OKM was in the hospital for 3 days because he went into hypoglycemic shock. He probably accidentally took one of his wife's diabetic pills. Bob, an honorary member of GSARA, holds the world's record (along with a Netherlands amateur) for having the most DXCC entities confirmed.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Joe, W2KQ and seconded by Ralph, KC2YNL to accept the minutes of the January 3 meeting as read on the GSARA members-only website. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob, W2OD reported that GSARA received a letter from the American Diabetes Association asking for a donation. The consensus of those present was to ignore the request.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Chris, W2NQB and seconded by Joe, W2KQ to approve the expenditure of \$74.99 to Cy, K2CYS for renewal of our website and \$11.96 to Howard, W2HTS for refreshments. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer John, KC2YWL reported that our starting balance is \$8638.98. Income from dues was \$465.00. Expenses of \$272.09 were made up of \$14.96 for SK plates, \$146.21 for Propagator printing and postage, \$23.87 for refreshments, \$74.99 for web site renewal, and \$11.96 for refreshments. This leaves an ending balance of \$8831.89. Petty Cash started the year at \$88.50 and increased by \$40.00 from the 50-50s of December 20 and January 3 leaving a closing balance in petty cash of \$128.50. A motion was made by Joe, W2KQ and seconded by Syd, KG2CM 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, W2HTS thought that the youth committee is working with WA2JOE and a group of Boy Scouts. Joe, W2KQ asked if anything is being planned for Field Day 2018 but no one knew.

Joe, W2KQ also suggested that the Constitution committee consider allowing expenses below some maximum amount not be subject to approval of the membership. Bob, W2OD agreed to bring the idea to the Constitution committee for consideration.

Old Business

Chris, W2NQB reported that he has studied a design of a tower anti-climbing method built by W2DAR and has asked for more details. It looks like it will be a good, low cost design.

Howard, W2HTS reported that yellow GSARA shirts have been ordered and he will announce when they are available which will probably be in a few weeks.

There was some discussion about the proposal by Denis, K2NPT to install a Fusion II repeater to replace our existing repeater. The thought was to retain our existing analog repeater as a back-up. Howard, W2HTS emphasized that we must know the total maximum cost of such a system before proceeding. Denis, K2NPT will give a talk in February about the Fusion II system so the members better understand the advantages of such a system.

New Business

Arek, K2KP has proposed to have an HF station at the Red Cross that could be controlled by members through the internet. Since Arek wasn't present, no action was taken. It was pointed out that Roberto, AC2PD has operated the current station on FT-8 by remote control through the internet.

Announcements

Chris, W2NQB pointed out a Facebook skit by the Three Stooges on Morse code that is well worth watching.

Close

The door prize of \$12 was won by John, KC2YWL. There being no further business, a motion was made by Chris, W2NQB and seconded by Art, W2NAZ to adjourn the meeting which was closed at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary