

## **MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2018 MEETING**

**By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary**

President Howard Suffill, W2HTS was absent as was Vice President Rem Hunnewell, K2REM so the meeting was called to order by Secretary Bob Buus, W2OD at 7:30 pm. There were 21 members and 3 guests present. The guests were Steve Brunner, KD2OYJ from Freehold, Cindy Pacis, KD2KNV from Jackson and Jerry Pacis, KD2JGH from Jackson. After the pledge to the flag, all present introduced themselves.

### New Members

An application for membership was received with payment of \$15.00 from Jesse Sincoskie, KD2PCC from Keyport. Jesse passed his Technician license test on the January 27 GSARA test session and just received his call. He is an engineer and requests active membership.

An application for membership was received from Steve Brunner, KD2OYJ from Freehold with payment of \$20 for family membership. Steve is in retail sales and obtained his General class license this year. He is on HF with an Icom 765 (from the K2QXW estate) and on 2 meters with an HT. Other hobbies include hiking and backpacking.

An application for membership was also received from Shannon Brunner, KD2OJI from Freehold who is the daughter of Steve Brunner, KD2OYJ. She is a college student and received her Technician license in 2017 at college. Other interests include crocheting and music.

A motion was made by Joe, W2KQ and seconded by Art, W2NAZ to accept the above three applicants as active and family members of GSARA. The motion passed unanimously.

### Program

Denis Commette, K2NPT gave an interesting presentation on the Yaesu Fusion digital voice system and Wires-X which connects the system to the internet to permit worldwide communication. The Yaesu Fusion system uses C4FM to provide digital voice, data, or both. It also supports conventional FM. A Fusion repeater like the one being considered as a replacement for our FM repeater would support the Fusion modes as well as traditional FM analog radio. It has automatic mode select so a person using a traditional FM transceiver can talk to Fusion stations through the repeater. Denis also described Wires-X which is a means of coupling a Fusion repeater to the internet. Several members present already have Fusion radios and are enjoying worldwide communications through various "rooms" available on Wires-X. As a result of this presentation, many more members know more about the Yaesu Fusion system.

### Close

There being no further business, a motion was made by Marty, N2BMK and seconded by Art, W2NAZ to adjourn the meeting which was closed at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary