

MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2018 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary

President Howard Suffill, W2HTS called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm. There were 31 members present. After the pledge to the flag, all present introduced themselves.

New Members

An application for membership was received with payment of \$15.00 from Mike Orr, N2MN from Neptune. Licensed since 1975, Mike holds an Extra class license. He is an Electrical Engineer and is active on HF CW as well as VHF/UHF FM with a TS-570 and a FT-470D. He is interested in receivers, QRP and wire antennas. A life member of the ARRL, Mike is also interested in bicycling, backpacking and large format film photography.

An application for membership was received from Mike Schiafone, KD2PMC from Tinton Falls with payment of \$15. Mike passed his Technician test on March 24 and is not yet on the air. He is a Line Stripper and also interested in golf and fishing.

An application for membership with \$17 payment was received from Tom Karaniewsky, KD2PFY from Colts Neck. He holds a Technician license which he obtained this year. Tom is retired from law enforcement and is on 2 meters and 70 cm with Alinco and Baofeng rigs. A member of ARRL, he is interested in new technology and public safety communication. Other hobbies include computers, fishing and home brewing.

A motion was made by Diana, KD2NAD and seconded by Lou, W2HAM to accept the above three applicants as active members of GSARA. The motion passed unanimously.

Youth Committee

Joe, WA2JOE reported that Jake, KD2MGE will be making a presentation about amateur radio on Friday, April 20. This will include a demonstration of amateur radio and members are asked to monitor the repeater at around 8 pm that evening to demonstrate some QSOs.

Field Day

Howard, W2HTS asked if the members wanted Field Day at the Red Cross or out in the field. By a show of hands, more favored the Red Cross over a remote site. Howard then asked if anyone would volunteer to chair this year's Field Day operations and no one volunteered.

Hamfest

It is getting too late to plan on a spring Hamfest. Howard, W2HTS asked if anyone would chair a GSARA Hamfest later this year. No one volunteered.

New Business

A motion was made by Art, W2NAZ and seconded by Ralph, KC2YNL to authorize the payment of \$40.64 for a new ink cartridge for our printer. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by John, KC2YWL and seconded by Ralph, KC2YNL to authorize the payment of \$200 for liability insurance. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Art, W2NAZ and seconded by Marty, N2BMK to authorize up to \$220 to pay for equipment insurance. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcement

Howard, W2HTS announced that GSARA shirts are in and all who ordered were asked to pick them up and pay the \$25 charge.

Programs

Denis Commette, K2NPT gave a presentation on the Yaesu Fusion digital voice system and Wires-X which connects the system to the internet to permit worldwide communication. He described the equipment needed to convert our repeater system to Fusion and Wires-X. The total cost was estimated to be \$1435 (\$1000 for the DRX-2 repeater on sale through June 30, \$125 for the HRI-200 internet interface, and \$310 for the FTM-100 dedicated radio). A motion was made by Mike, W2MJP and seconded by Marty, N2BMK to authorize up to \$1500 to purchase the equipment necessary for this Fusion/Wires-X upgrade. The motion passed unanimously.

Art Olson, N2AJ0 then described how an Icom IC-7300 can be operated remotely through the internet. If we bought an IC-7300 for the radio room for \$1149 and added \$95 software, the radio could be accessed in all modes by any member who also installed the \$95 software on their home computer. This would be of great benefit to those members who do not have the capability to install a good antenna system for HF. A motion was made by Jeff, N2JFL and seconded by Matthew, N2UG to authorize spending up to \$1300 for the IC-7300 and software. The motion passed unanimously.

Close

The 50-50 of \$24 was won by Howard, W2HTS. There being no further business, a motion was made by Art, W2NAZ to adjourn the meeting which was closed at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary