

MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2018 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary

President Howard Suffill, W2HTS called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. There were 20 members and 2 guests present. The guests were former member Jimmy Arthofer, KD2BUG from Freehold and George Wilner, K2ONP from Wall. After the pledge to the flag, all present introduced themselves.

New Member Applications

An application for membership along with payment of \$15 was received from Paul Perry, WB2ERY from Ocean. Licensed since 1962, Paul is active with his Extra Class license on HF, 2 meters and 440 with a wide variety of equipment. He is a CFO who is also interested in trains, photography and shooting. An ARRL member, he requests active membership.

An application was also received from former GSARA member Jimmy Arthofer, KD2BUG from Freehold. Jimmy is an electrician who has held his Technician license since 2013 and is active on 2 meters. He has a lot of other hobbies and requests active membership.

A motion was made by Art, W2NAZ and seconded by Chris, W2NQB to accept Paul and Jimmy as active members of GSARA. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Joe, W2KQ and seconded by Marty, N2BMK to accept the minutes of the April 4 meeting as they were published on the member's only web site. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John, KC2YWL reported that our starting balance is \$9091.89. Income from dues was \$292.00 and we received \$3 for a GSARA patch. Cash transferred from petty cash was \$56.50. Expenses included \$78.19 for various reimbursements, \$200 for liability insurance, \$204.68 for equipment insurance, \$431.95 to the imprint shop, \$1299.00 to HRO for the Icom 7300, and \$114.73 to Gigaparts, This leaves a closing balance of \$7114.84. Petty Cash had \$40.00 added to it and \$56.50 was transferred to the checking account so its closing balance is \$140.00. A motion was made by Marty, N2BMK and seconded by Ralph, KC2YNL to accept the treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.

Youth Committee

Jake, KD2MGE will be making a presentation about amateur radio to a youth group at the church of WA2JOE on Friday, April 20. Demonstration contacts will be made on the W2GSA repeater as well as on 40 meters. Listen for them between 8 and 9 pm.

Field Day Committee

Since no one volunteered to coordinate GSARA Field Day activities this year, Howard, W2HTS and Rem, K2REM will organize the event at the Red Cross running 2F.

Hamfest Committee

Denis, K2NPT and Art, K2AJO are planning a GSARA hamfest in September. Although the site is not settled, it was recommended that an application to use the MOESC parking lot as we have done in the past be done ASAP so proper approvals can be obtained. A motion was made by Denis, K2NPT and seconded by John, KA2F to approve \$300 to reserve the MOESC site. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

President Howard, W2HTS reported that an Executive meeting was held on Saturday, April 13. He emphasized that Chief Engineer Arek, K2KP is responsible for the Red Cross station and the W2GSA repeater. Any proposed changes to these stations must be coordinated through him.

A box of flyers about GSARA and a box of GSARA business cards were turned over to Howard, W2HTS by Denis, K2NPT who designed them and had them printed.

New Business

Paul, AD7I reported that he has been working with Ralph, KC2WAD to get the W2GSA digipeater on 145.05 working at the UPS site. This may require the replacement of some equipment at the site.

Chris, W2NQB has proposed redoing the foundation blocks for the trailer supporting our tower in the back. He made a motion which was seconded by Art, W2NAZ to authorize up to \$200 for materials necessary for this repair. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcement

Mike Schiafone, KD2PMC has donated radio equipment to the club. Thank you, Mike!

Close

The door prize of \$20 was won by Jim, K2EI. There being no further business, a motion was made by Joe, W2KQ and seconded by Marty, N2BMK to adjourn the meeting which was closed at 8:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary