

MINUTES OF MAY 2, 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 at 7:30 pm by Secretary Bob Buus, W2OD. There were 22 members and one guest present. The guest was George Wilner, K2ONP from Wall. After the pledge to the flag, all present introduced themselves.

New Member

An application for membership was received with payment of \$15.00 from Shannon Gilvary from Red Bank. Shannon just passed his amateur radio exam last month and is awaiting his call sign. He is a Programmer who is interested in sailing and music. A motion was made by Ted, N2KPS and seconded by Chris, KD2OBV to accept Shannon as an active member of the GSARA. The motion passed unanimously.

Hamfest

Art, N2AJO reported that the GSARA Hamfest is scheduled for Saturday, September 22 at the MOESC site (same as past years). KJI Electronics will be there, family permitting. Flyers have been printed and Art asked members to take a few and try to get them posted at local businesses.

Old Business

Denis, K2NPT asked to resolve issues with keys to the Red Cross. Since Howard, W2HTS was not present and is responsible for the Keys and the Red Cross interface, it was decided to defer discussion of keys until the next meeting.

Art, W2NAZ reported that the straightening of the tower was successfully accomplished through the efforts of Paul, WB2ERY; Chris, W2NQB; Denis, K2NPT; Art, W2NAZ and John, KA2F. Thanks for a job well done!

New Business

Ted, N2KPS wishes to purchase the surplus Yaesu FC-757AT antenna tuner for \$50. A motion was made by Bob, W2OD and seconded by Art, N2AJO to sell the tuner. After paying Treasurer John, KC2YWL the \$50, Ted, N2KPS picked up the tuner to take home.

Programs

Blair Hearth, KD2EPA gave an interesting presentation on the HamSCI workshop he attended last February. There are many scientists interested in "space weather," which covers all of the activity that takes place in the space between the Sun and Earth. Since this space weather affects our short wave radio propagation, a study of propagation conditions aids in understanding the space weather. Radio amateurs add to that data base by simply being on the air – especially at times of enhanced activity such as contests and Field Day.

Close

There being no further business, a motion was made by Art, W2NAZ and seconded by Phil, N2EDX to adjourn the meeting which was closed at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary