

MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2018 MEETING

By John Chunga, KC2YWL, Acting Secretary

President Howard Suffill, W2HTS called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM at the Red Cross. There were 24 members present. After the pledge to the flag, all present introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report

The secretary, Bob W2OD was absent. A motion was made seconded to accept the minutes from the last meeting as published on the members only web page. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John KC2YWL gave the Treasurer's report. A motion was made by Chris W2NQB, and seconded by Rem, K2REM to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer noted that the Club needed to reimburse John KA2F for expenses incurred filing QSL cards, including postage. A motion as made by John KA2F and seconded by Rem K2REM that we approve an amount of no more than \$50 for this purpose. The motion passed unanimously.

Hamfest

The GSARA Fall Hamfest will be on Saturday, September 22 at our usual site at MOESC (MAECOM) at the corner of Tornillo Way and Shafto Road. The MOESC has kept the usage fee to \$300, which has already been paid by the Treasure. Art, N2AJ0 announced that there will be a sign up sheet for Hamfest duties sometime in July. We will have VE testing available.

Rem, K2REM announced that he will be looking into getting a food truck, but asked that if any members get any information about available food trucks that they pass the information on to him *first*, since he is aware of some that were proven unreliable in the past.

Field Day

Howard W2HTS said that money would have to be approved for food. Also, that Arek K2KP had already issued an email outlining some adaptors that would be needed to complete setting up all recently purchased equipment.

Also, an estimated \$400 would be needed for expenses relating to setting up and fixing existing antenna hardware, to be organized by Chris W2NQB.

New Business

Howard W2HTS reminded members that Sunday, May 27th Cy, K2CYS would host another "Kit Day" at his home in Ocean Township, where a 10W HF transceiver manufactured by HF Signals would be assembled by anyone who purchased the kit and showed up.

Chris W2NQB announced that after a lot of work by several members, the antenna tower at the Red Cross building has been much improved. The leaning has been largely fixed, and he worked on and created a new handle for the crank that raises and lowers the tower. This was passed around for the members to see.

Howard W2HTS reported that he was working with his contact at the Red Cross to allow us use of a bucket truck.

By-Laws Committee

Denis K2NPT brought up that apart from some changes, especially in Article II regarding which officers were responsible for announcing a change or cancellation of a meeting, the update to the

By-Laws were substantially minor, and there should be able to vote on the proposed changes during this meeting.

After some discussion, the membership proceeded to vote on each Article individually, as follows:

Article I – No Questions, All read, Motion to Approve: Denis K2NPT; second: Mike W2IY; Unanimous Aye.

Article II – No Questions, All read, Motion to Approve: Denis K2NPT; second: Mike W2IY; Unanimous Aye.

Article III – No Questions, All read; Motion to Approve: Denis K2NPT; second: Mike W2IY; Unanimous Aye/

Article IV (clarifications) – No Questions; All read; Motion to Approve: Denis K2NPT; second Chris W2NQB; Unanimous Aye.

Article V – No Questions; All read; Motion to Approve: Art N2AJO; second: Mike W2IY; Unanimous Aye.

Article VI (Dues) – No Questions; All read; Motion to Approve: Art N2AJO; second: Mike W2IT; Unanimous Aye.

Article VII Amendments – No Questions; All read; Motion to Approve: Denis K2NPT; second: Mike W2IY; Unanimous Aye.

Denis K2NPT then raised the rule regarding approval of motions. The current By-Laws state that for expenditures, only a *majority* vote of present membership was required. For all other approvals, however, a *minimum of 2/3 of the members present* needed to approve. A motion was made by Denis K2NPT to approve this, and seconded by Art N2AJO. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Howard W2HTS said that he is still holding new GSARA Club polo shirts for two members.

Denis K2NPT reported that now that we have the new Repeater, when will it be installed? He said that he programmed the 7300 as far as possible without hooking up an antenna. Howard said that would probably occur after the upcoming VE Session, but would leave that up to Arek.

Howard W2HTS reminded club members that this Saturday, May 19th, our repeater will be used for the MS-170 event, and to please leave that frequency clear. The event may even run into Sunday. Also, that the shack would not be open this Saturday, but would be open early on the day of the VE Session.

Howard thanked Jay, W2FLK for donating the 3-element antenna that he brought over last Saturday, and the accompanying manual that he brought for the meeting.

Close

The 50/50 prize of \$19.00 was won by Roberto, AC2PD. With unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Chunga, KC2YWL, Acting Secretary