

MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2018 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary

President Howard Suffill, W2HTS came late so the meeting was called to order by Vice President Rem Hunnewell, K2REM at 7:30 pm. There were 29 members and one guest present. The guest was Dan Livak, K2DJL from Hillsborough. After the pledge to the flag, all present introduced themselves.

New Member

An application for membership was received with payment of \$20.00 (\$5 donation to GSARA) from Gregory Irish, KD2QHF from Matawan. Gregory just passed his Technician amateur radio exam last month. He is an ARRL member. A motion was made by Ted, N2KPS and seconded by Marty, N2BMK to accept Gregory as an active member of the GSARA. The motion passed unanimously.

Silent Keys

Former member John Holden, N2OWN became a silent key on July 20. He was 59 and had moved to Texas for a while before returning to New Jersey. Also a silent key was Jon Cohen, WB2KKS from Hopewell. A moment of silence was observed for both John, N2OWN and Jon, WB2KKS. May they rest in peace.

Minutes of Last Meeting

A motion was made by Art, W2NAZ and seconded by Art, N2AJO to accept the minutes of the last meeting as posted on the members only website. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Thanks to the efforts of Harry, KD2EJW, our flagpole in the meeting room has a new eagle on the top with both wings spread. It looks great!

New Business

Howard, W2HTS reported that Jake Downie, KD2MGE, our Youth Outreach coordinator, will be participating in Marlboro's National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7 at the Cambridge Square Shopping Center with an amateur radio display and a question and answer session from 6 to 10 PM.

Program

.Our program was all about Fusion and Wires-X and was presented by Denis, K2NPT; Art, N2AJO and Phil, N2EDX. They reviewed the capabilities of our W2GSA repeater and reviewed the wide range of Fusion radios available from Yaesu. As more GSARA members purchase Fusion radios, they suggested we form a Fusion net similar to what we do on Tuesday nights with traditional FM radio. They also suggested that the club provide a Firmware Upgrade Station so members can easily keep their Fusion radios up to date. There were some negative comments about the lack of a squelch tail on the new repeater and the addition of adding a squelch tail will be looked into.

Close

The door prize of \$27.50 was won by Greg Lyp, KD2PYO who donated it back to the club. Thank you, Greg! There being no further business, a motion was made by Marty, N2BMK and seconded by Ted, N2KPS to adjourn the meeting which was closed at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary