

MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2018 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary

President Howard Suffill, W2HTS was late (a fire call) so the meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by vice president Rem Hunnewell, K2REM at the Red Cross. There were 19 members present. After the pledge to the flag, all present introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Don, KG2NV and seconded by Art, W2NAZ 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 treasurers report. As of the end of May, we had a starting balance of \$5809.26. We took in \$65 in dues, \$375 for selling shirts and a donated tuner and \$10 in donations. Expenses were \$40.08 for supplies from Lowes, \$900 for the Fusion repeater, \$24.55 to KA2F for outgoing QSL cards, \$174.04 for food for Field Day, and \$28.94 for food at the meetings. This resulted in an ending balance of \$5091.65. The petty cash account grew from \$159 to \$255 due to donations from the 50-50. A motion was made by Bob, W2OD and seconded by Art, W2NAZ to approve the treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.

Health and Welfare

Bob, W2OD reported that Ronald Clanton, K9KVR, the brother-in-law of Laura, N2HGI (brother of Laura's late husband Harold, WB2CJE) passed away in Illinois. A moment of silence was observed in his honor.

John, KA2F reported that he recently visited Len Kline, WA1PCY at his home and that he has recovered significantly from his illnesses. He can now get up the stairs to access his shack and should soon be back on the air.

Hamfest

Denis, K2NPT reported that he is looking for additional volunteers to sign-up on our web site for various positions needed for the Hamfest. He also proposed a need for \$400 in seed money for the Hamfest. A motion was made by John, KA2F and seconded by Joe, W2KQ to authorize \$400 in seed money for the hamfest. The motion passed unanimously.

New Member

An application for membership with payment of \$17 was received from Tom Foster, KD2QDK for active membership in GSARA. Tom lives in Middletown and was recently granted his Technician license. A motion was made by Bob, W2OD and seconded by Matthew, N2UG to accept Tom as a member of GSARA. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

A motion was made by Art, W2NAZ and seconded by Matthew, N2UG to reimburse Harry, KD2EJW a total of \$22.07 for the replacement eagle on the top of the Red Cross flag pole. The motion passed unanimously.

Joe, WA2JOE reported that the National Night Out in Marlboro went very well. Organized by Jake, KD2MGE, it promoted amateur radio to many attendees. A VHF station was set up and several contacts were made as well as simplex contacts with visitors given a chance to get on the microphone. Hats off to Jake, KD2MGE for a job well done!

Public Service Events

President Howard, W2HTS arrived at 7:50 pm and pointed out that we will need volunteers for the Twin Lights Bike Tour on September 30.

Other events coming up include the Juvenile Diabetes walk in Avon on the morning of October 7 and the CROP walk in Red Bank on the afternoon of October 21. Please plan to help out if you can.

Announcements

Our guest speaker at the September 5 meeting will be Ria Jairam, N2RJ who is running for Hudson Division Director this fall. Incumbent Mike Liscenco, N2YBB is running for the same office and will be our guest speaker at the October 3 meeting.

Sal, KD2OXR has donated a Dell laptop computer to GSARA. It will be used in our radio room to control Echolink and some of the digital modes. Thank you Sal!

Close

The 50/50 prize of \$16.00 was won by Joe, W2KQ. With unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary