

MINUTES OF SEPT4EMBER 19, 2018 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary

President Howard Suffill, W2HTS called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM at the Red Cross. There were 20 members present. After the pledge to the flag, all present introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Art, W2NAZ and seconded by Mike, W2MJP 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 August 14, we had a starting balance of \$5091.65. We took in \$17 in dues and transferred \$25 from petty cash. Expenses were \$72.76 reimbursement to Howard, W2HTS, \$22.07 reimbursement to Harry, KD2EJW for the eagle on the flagpole, and \$400 seed expense for the Hamfest. This resulted in an ending balance of \$4638.82. The petty cash account grew from \$255 to \$310 due to donations from the 50-50s. After subtracting the \$25 transfer out, the closing petty cash amount is \$285. A motion was made by Matt, N2UG and seconded by Harry, KD2EJW to approve the treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.

Hamfest

Art, N2AJ0 reported that all is proceeding well with regard to the GSARA Hamfest on Saturday, September 22. We have a full team of volunteers and have obtained \$400 worth of door prizes from various vendors. The food, under the direction of John, KA2F is expected to be outstanding. Rich, N3RB has arranged a team of VE examiners. Arek, K2KP with help from Joe, W2KQ has priced out a lot of GSARA equipment to be sold at the hamfest. It was asked how much "wobble room" is in the prices and the advice was to check with Arek. If the weather is good, it should be a very successful hamfest!

Public Service Events

President Howard, W2HTS pointed out that we still need volunteers for the Twin Lights Bike Tour on Sunday, September 30. We will need at least two operators at Poricy Park in Middletown as well as operators at Turkey Swamp and Oceanport. Please help if you can.

Other events coming up include the Juvenile Diabetes walk in Avon on the morning of Sunday, October 7 (3 to 6 operators) and the CROP walk in Red Bank on the afternoon of Sunday, October 21 (6 or 8 operators). Please contact Tom, N2VFK to volunteer if you can.

New Business

Art, W2NAZ pointed out that we need new back-up batteries at the W2GSA repeater site as the old ones are failing. Although more work is needed to check out the best type of battery for this service, a motion was made by Jeff, N2JFL and seconded by Blair, KD2EPA to authorize up to \$400 to purchase two new batteries. The motion passed unanimously.

Per our Constitution, a nominating committee must be named by President Howard, W2HTS at this meeting. To that end, Denis, K2NPT was asked to chair the committee which will include Art, W2NAZ and Mike, W2MJP. The nominating committee was charged with presenting a slate of officers for 2019 at the October 17 GSARA meeting. Please seriously consider serving as an officer.

Announcements

Mike Piatti, N2MEP has recently upgraded to General and is having fun on the HF bands.

John, KA2F reported that he and Cy, K2CYS both participated in the NJ QSO party and did quite well.

Howard, W2HTS is continuing to chase grid squares and is doing very well at it.

Close

The 50/50 prize of \$20 was won by Denis, K2NPT who donated it back to the club. Thank you Denis! With unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary