

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2018 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary

All officers except Secretary Bob, W2OD were absent so the meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by the Secretary. There were 25 members and six guests present. The guests were Mike Lisenco, N2YBB our guest speaker from Brooklyn; Bill Hudzik, W2UDT from Gillette, NJ; George Wilner, K2ONP from Wall; Angelo Grillo, KD2PIK from Aberdeen; and Ed Engel, KD2PTB from Brick. After the pledge to the flag, all present introduced themselves.

Hamfest

Art, N2AJO reported that the Hamfest went well and was a success from any measure. A total of 19 GSARA members volunteered to make this such a success. At the October 17 meeting, a drawing will be made among the 19 volunteers for a left-over door prize. Art thanked everyone for stepping forward to help.

New Members

An application for membership was received from Ed Engel, KD2PTB with payment of \$20. Ed lives in Brick and is active on 2 meters and 70 cm. He is a comedian and “part time pain in the ass.” First licensed in 1987, Ed is interested in DXing repeaters. A member of ARRL, his other interests include Military History and Amateur Astronomy. Ed is requesting active membership and was present at the meeting.

An application for membership was also received from John Gazzara who recently sat for his Technician license but missed it by one question. John lives in Red Bank and is an Electrical Engineering student. Other interests include Virtual Reality and building computers. He is requesting Associate membership.

A motion was made by Joe, W2KQ and seconded by Phil, N2EDX to accept both applicants as requested. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

GSARA has been asked to again support an Ad in the Program for the Hudson Division Awards Banquet. Last year we had a half page ad at a cost of \$50. A motion was made by Joe, W2KQ and seconded by Chris, W2NQB to take out a half page ad similar to last year’s at a cost of \$50. The motion passed unanimously.

Announcement

Ed, KD2PTB has just purchased a Yaesu FT-3200DR/DE 2 meter Fusion radio and asked for help in programming it. Art, N2AJO offered to help and will arrange a suitable time and place with Ed.

Program

.Our program featured Hudson Division Director Mike Lisenco, N2YBB who is running for reelection against Ria, N2RJ. He pointed out his work with Legislatures in Washington and outlined where ARRL needs improvement. He fielded tough questions regarding the decline of ARRL membership, improvements needed on the ARRL web page and improvements needed with LoTW. He asked us all to vote for him.

Close

The door prize of \$24 was won by Joe, W2KQ. There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting which was closed at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary