

Meeting of December 19, 2018 Garden State Amateur Radio Association

The meeting was opened at 7:31 P.M. by Bob W2OD acting in place of 2018 President W2HTS and 2018 Vice-President K2REM. After the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions of members and guests, he immediately moved to install the officers for 2019, namely Art N2AJO, President; Denis K2NPT, Vice-President; John KA2F, Secretary; John KC2YWL, Treasurer; Phil N2EDX, Engineer, according to the terms of the Constitution and By-Laws of GSARA.

Present were 22 members and one guest, George, K2ONP.

The meeting was turned over to President Art N2AJO.

The reading of the minutes from the December 5 meeting published on the club website was waved on a motion of Denis K2NPT and Marty Torbert N2BMK with unanimous voice approval of members.

The Treasurer's report was made by John KC2YWL and was accepted upon the motion of Ted Copp and Martin Torbert with unanimous voice approval of the members. General Account had a total of \$4,648.82 at the end of October (starting balance of report) and the closing balance was \$6,505.22. Dues received (prior to the meeting) was \$285 and Outside donations were \$300. Revenue from the September hamfest was \$1,142 and \$84. Expenses and reimbursements paid out were \$254.60. There was a transfer of \$300 from Petty Cash. Under Petty Cash there was an October ending balance of \$349 and income from the 50/50s and donations amounted to \$103 giving \$452, from which \$300 was moved to the General Account, leaving a Petty Cash balance of \$152.

New Members welcomed into GSARA were James Beirne, WA2JZQ of Farmingdale who has been licensed since 1968 and holds an Extra Class license; Ronald Dawson, KD2QZZ, Technician class licensee, of Howell; and Stephen Gonzalez, KC2LKC, General class licensee of Marlboro. These were approved for membership by voice approval upon Motions by W2OD and W2NAZ and KA2F and W2NAZ.

President Art, N2AJO spoke regarding member support of the Member of the Year 2018 award by sending nominations to John KA2F as soon as possible. This was followed by comment by John that printed nomination forms were available for those who have not nominated via email already. This resulted in six paper nominations and one emailed nomination.

Art continued and spoke of increasing club visibility with the public, the importance and need for members to have and wear name and call sign badges (free to members as per the website) and helping new Technician licensees to upgrade as soon as possible to General.

He introduced Paul AD7I as chairman of a special committee (yet to be formally named) which will be charged with easing new Tech licensees into digital and HF operation with announced classes offered twice each quarter of the year at the W2GSA radio station at convenient and appropriate times. He intends to have a special information sheet on this class to be given new Technician licensees at VE sessions.

Art asked Phil N2EDX to speak of his observations as new Engineer. Phil mentioned visiting the Repeater site and the need to replace the repeater batteries.

Denis K2NPT was introduced by Art as being in charge of a wide-ranging activities committee. Denis made note of the need for volunteers to head and assist on several activity projects such as Field Day, two Hamfests, the Crop Walk, the annual Bike Tour, and local fundraiser walks, and operating events such as the NJ QSO Party and Lighthouse Weekend.

Art introduced for membership consideration and later approval of a W2GSA Raffle fundraiser. He and members commented on the cost of state gaming commission license and local approval, estimating a charge to the club of about \$210. In addition, it was noted the cost for an appropriate prize and special raffle tickets to be printed would add to the club cost. It was mentioned that cost of a ticket might be \$10 and that for a successful raffle many members would have to buy and sell tickets to others beyond the club.

Art announced the next meeting of January 2, 2019 would have a program presented by John KA2F regarding the radioman aboard the ill-fated *Morro Castle*. The meeting ended at 8:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

John King KA2F, Secretary.