

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2018 MEETING

By Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at the Red Cross by President Howard Suffill, W2HTS at 7:37 pm. There were 28 members and two guests present. The guests were ARRL Hudson Director Elect Ria Jairam, N2RJ and George Wilner, K2ONP from Wall. After the pledge to the flag, all present introduced themselves.

Announcements

Treasurer John Chunga, KC2YWL is collecting the \$20 dues for 2019. If you pay cash at any subsequent meeting, he will have sticky notes so you can note your call/name with the money. He will also accept checks mailed to his home.

President Howard, W2HTS announced that there is a form on the GSARA web site for ordering a GSARA badge.

Bob, W2OD donated the DVD of the PBS documentary “Bombshell – the story of Hedy Lamarr” to the GSARA library in the radio room. Bob also had the 2018 binder containing color copies of all of the 2018 Propagators that was passed around for viewing. Paul, AD7I lent an inexpensive oscilloscope to W2OD who will play with it while awaiting the one he has on order from China.

New Business

Joe, W2KQ made a motion to approve up to \$150 to contribute to a plaque to be placed at the grave of Mike Reason, W2EXQ-SK. This was seconded by Jim, W2EI. John, KA2F brought up that this had been approved some time ago but was never acted upon. Cy, K2CYS pointed out that placing anything at a grave marker needs the permission of the family as well as permission from the cemetery. Joe said that these issues were being taken care of. The motion passed with a majority vote but not unanimously.

Programs

For the first program of the meeting, outgoing President Howard, W2HTS summarized some of the GSARA activities of 2018. They included the purchase of an FT-400 Fusion radio recommended by the Red Cross, the purchase and installation of a new Fusion repeater, approval of a revised Constitution and By-Laws, a micro-Bit-X build at the home of Cy, K2CYS, a successful Field Day at the Red Cross, an article published in QST by member Paul, AD7I, and participation in several Public Service events. We had 17 new members join GSARA in 2018 and meeting attendance averaged 21.5 members per meeting.

ARRL Hudson Director Elect Ria Jairam, N2RJ then commented on her election and where she sees improvements to be made at ARRL. Although she won by a narrow margin, the voter turnout was good with about 45% of the ballots returned. Of the 15 Directors for 2019, eight support transparency and progress at the ARRL so she thinks she has a majority that will be able to make changes. She expects to be appointed to either the Programs and Services committee or the Administration and Finance committee. Either appointment would be good and enable her to pinpoint potential changes. She thanked everyone for their support and fielded questions from the membership.

Close

The door prize of \$25 was won by John, KA2F. There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting which was closed at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Buus, W2OD, Secretary