

GSARA Minutes

October 16, 2019

President Art Olsen, N2AJ0 opened the meeting at 7:30 pm with VP Denis Commette, K2NPT leading the pledge to the flag. The 18 members and one guest present then introduced themselves. The guest was Eddy Otero, KC2NGH from Belmar who wishes to join GSARA but no one had an application form at the meeting.

Health and Welfare:

Bob, W2OD reported that Felecia Chunga, wife of John Chunga, KC2YWL-SK died on October 5 after a long battle with cancer. This was less than three weeks after her husband died unexpectedly. Bob reminded the members that there will be a memorial to John, KC2YWL on Saturday, October 26 from 1 to 4 pm. Dress is casual.

Bob also announced that Ned Meyer, KC2HCY is being treated for stage 4 cancer. He needs our prayers.

Secretary's Report:

In the absence of Secretary John King, KA2F, Bob, W2OD read the minutes of the October 2 meeting prepared by John. A motion was made by Paul, WB2ERY and seconded by Art, W2NAZ to accept the minutes as read. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no known new member applications.

President's Report:

President Art, N2AJ0 reported that Hudson Division Director Ria Jairam, N2RJ will be our guest speaker at the November 6 meeting.

Art also announced that the November 20 business meeting will be short and the Remote Hams system will be described by members of the team working to make remote operation of our club station available to all GSARA members.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Art Olson reported that our current cash balance is \$7681.18. He gave a detailed breakdown of all expenses and income for the past month. A motion was made by Paul, WB2ERY and seconded by Don, KG2NV to accept the Treasurer's report as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Member-of-Year: Bob, W2OD read the report by John, KA2F that thus far, 34 nominations have been received with votes for 10 individual members. Nominations will be accepted until the end of October. The results are being kept private by John.

Dues Vouchers: Denis, K2NPT has proposed that all dues paid for 2020 must be accompanied by a voucher downloadable from the GSARA website. The voucher will show who paid the dues, how much was paid, and whether the member wants a membership card.

Swap & Shop: Denis, K2NPT reported that the GSARA website now has a section where members can list equipment to be bought, sold, or swapped. It is up to the member to remove his listing after the item is bought, sold or swapped.

Remote Ham Program: Denis, N2NPT pointed out the importance of members to attend the November 20 meeting to learn about how to use the Remote Hams software on your home computer to operate the HF station at the Red Cross by remote control through the internet.

New Business:

Denis, K2NPT is getting 8 new plates on the Silent Key Palque engraved with the 8 silent keys of the past two years. A motion was made by Joe, W2KQ and seconded by Mike, N2MEP to authorize \$100 to pay for the engraving. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob, W2OD reported that the nominating committee consisting of Blair, KD2EPA; Rich, K2RLF came up with the following slate of officers to serve GSARA for 2020:

President – Art Olson, N2AJO

Vice President – Denis Commette, K2NPT

Secretary – John King, KA2F

Treasurer – Art Goldberg, W2NAZ

Chief Engineer – Phil Festa, N2EDX

All candidates are incumbents having served in the same capacity in 2019. Art, N2AJO then opened the floor to any additional nominations. Hearing none, the floor was closed to nominations. Voting will take place at the November 20 business meeting.

Close:

There being no further business, President Art, N2AJO closed the meeting at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Buus, W2OD, acting Secretary in absence of John, KA2F