

Meeting of Jan. 15, 2020 GSARA

The meeting was opened at 7:30 p.m. by V-President Denis K2NPT in the absence of President Art N2AJ0. The members present were led in the Salute to the Flag and were invited to introduce themselves with brief comments on their radio activity since the last meeting. There were 36 members present.

Under Health and Welfare Bob W20D noted the death of non-GSARA-member KB2PEB, Joe Petrone at age 93.

Three new members joined and were approved for membership unanimously after motions of K2MFS and N2MEP, viz., John Armata KB2VNV, William DiCarlo KA2QEP, and Edward Otero KC2NGH.

The total number of GSARA members now was 113.

ARRL NNJ Section manager, Steve Ostrov K2SO awarded to Gary Metzger WB2RPW a plaque for being high NNJ scorer in the last NJQP contest.

It was reported by Denis K2NPT that 1. the large room would be used for future meetings, 2. the 2020 club calendar was available on the website, 3. Paypal would be available for payment of future dues, 4. Field Day 2020 would remain in Joe Palaia Park and would be "4A." This was followed by a brief discussion of meals to be provided.

The Treasurer's report was provided by Art W2NAZ and is here attached.

A review of the Member of the Year luncheon on February 1, 2020 was provided by John KA2F. It was noted that over 35 members had paid to attend with others expected to send their luncheon fees soon. It was approved after motions by Cy K2CYS and Marlo KA2IRQ to allot up to \$700 to cover luncheon expenses, allowing a subsidy to members attending for just \$15.

There was a discussion of new club jackets in various colors and sizes with members name and call signs embroidered with the club logo. Cost started at \$60 for small and medium. They could be ordered through Art W2NAZ.

Denis K2NPT presented and explained a proposed GSARA budget for the year 2020. It was unanimously approved after motions by Marlo KA2IRQ and Paul AD7I. It was to be published in the next *Propagator*.

A discussion was raised by remarks of Marlo KA2IRQ concerning activities to attract newly licensed hams into ARRL and GSARA, such as a club "Fox-Hunt." Various opinions, positive and negative, were noted by Steve K2SO. The publication of ARRL's new member magazine, *On the Air*, and available to ARRL members on the website prompted this discussion.

This resulted in the formation of a new *committee for club activities* with Marlo KA2IRQ, Paul AD7I, and Mike N2MEP as members.

The meeting was closed about 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary John KA2F