

Minutes Meeting of October 21, 2020

The meeting was held via ZOOM.

It was opened by President Art N2AJ0 at 7:36 p.m. and the salute to the flag was led by VP Denis K2NPT. Member introductions was skipped due to the number of important matters to be considered. Non-member Steve Goldman was welcomed as a guest. Under Health and Welfare Bob W2GSA new NNJ SM spoke about the career and ultimate demise of K2SO Steve Osgrove. Jeff KZ2G spoke of his undergoing hospitalization and rehab after a serious heart procedure.

The minutes were read by John KA2F and approved unanimously after motions by Bob W2OD and K2CYS Cy.

New member applications were read by John KA2F for Peter Michaelson KD2EW and Richard Rogers KD2SFF and unanimously approved on motions by Jeff KZ2G and Art W2NAZ/Alan Sherman. It was anticipated that Ria N2RJ would join the meeting after being invited by Art N2AJ0; however, she did not join in.

The treasurer's report was read by Art W2NAZ noting a balance effective September 30, 2020 of \$5,594.86. Next Denis K2NPT gave an update on dues. Expenses approved unanimously after motions by Marlo KA2IRQ and Dom N2DOM were \$206 for tower guywires to Denis K2NPT, \$75 to Art N2AJ0 for NJQP prizes, \$72 for clothing to Art W2NAZ and \$10 to Cy K2CYSfor website expenses.

Art N2AJ0 announced that John KA2F was chosen as Member of the Year 2020 by the officers and trustees. It was mentioned that a plaque would be awarded at an appropriate time and a luncheon would be held when health conditions would permit.

Under New Business it was approved unanimously after motions by Diane KD2NAD and Vince KE2V to expend up to \$250 for various awards by Denis K2NPT.

Paul AD7I made a motion which was seconded by Art W2NAZ and approved unanimously to award Phil Festa N2EDX lifetime GSARA membership. The words of this motion are attached to these minutes.

Art N2AJ0 proposed that GSARA make a donation of \$500 to “Fulfill” the local food bank. It was unanimously approved after motions by Cy K2CYS and Art N2AJ0 who would attach a cover letter to the donation-check.

The reading of the elections slate of nominations for club offices was made by Cy K2CYS who thanked his fellow election committee members, Blair KD2EPA and Alan W2NIR for their work: President Art Olson N2AJ0; Vice-President Denis Commette K2NPT; Secretary John King KA2F; Treasurer Diana Noble KD2NAD; Chief Engineer Paul Newland AD7I. The nominations were then declared closed. Voting would take place at the November Business Meeting on November 18, 2020.

The meeting was closed at 8:16 p.m.

Submitted by John King KA2F GSARA Secretary

Motion by AD7I

Whereas Phil Festa, N2EDX, before and during his tenure as Garden State Amateur Radio Association, Inc. Chief Engineer, has made exceptional and outstanding contributions to the club, including establishment and administration of the GSARA Fusion Repeater; correcting and improving the battery backup system for the Fusion Repeater; establishment and administration of the GSARA Remote Hams system; improving and administering the HF Winlink server; improving the Antenna Farm at our ARC club station; and making commercial quality improvements to the infrastructure in the ARC radio room;

Therefore, in consideration of the facts present above, I make a motion that, in accordance with Article I, Section II, Paragraph C* of the GSARA Constitution as amended, the Trustees of GSARA recommend to the membership that Phil Festa, N2EDX, be granted a Life Membership to GSARA.

Respectfully submitted, John

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