

## **Minutes of Feb. 4, 2020 GSARA Meeting**

The meeting was open at 7:30 PM by President Art N2AJO. Then all members were led in the salute to the flag by Vice president Dennis Commette K2NPT.

Member introductions were skipped in order to provide more time later in the meeting.

Under health and welfare, it was noted that Ned Meyer KC2HCY was ill but unfortunately specific details of his condition were not available. It was also noted that Don Pingatore's grandson who recently passed away in Sydney, NY, was named Jacob.

New member applications were read, namely the application for Robert Brunner KB2RTI a technician. His application was approved unanimously after motions by Marlo and Pete KD2EW.

The presentation activity featured with Ria Jaiman, ARRL Hudson division director. Her comments were precise and to the point. She expressed her appreciation on being with GSARA and awarded the club a certificate of appreciation for continuous affiliation and support of ARRL. She spoke of the new ARRL CEO and his credentials and plans for leading ARRL. She noted the LOTW was being improved to make it more user friendly and faster. She spoke of the league's plans to revitalize ARES. She said that ARRL was **looking** to improve its financial status with investment managers. She noted that the new FCC license fee of \$35 would take effect at some unknown time and that information would come to members in ARRL letters. Regarding Field Day, she stated that ARRL planned to run it the same as last year but with power limits for home transmitters and that FSD rules would be available in March or April QST.

There were 25 members in attendance.  
The meeting was closed at 8:18 p.m.