

GARDEN STATE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

DATE February 06, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Ed NN2D called to order at 1930

SALUTE TO FLAG: Bill K2WFB led the pledge of allegiance

HEALTH AND WELFARE: Art N2AJ0 presented an update on Bob W2OD; Don KG2NV updated on Rich KD2SFF

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Secretary Bill K8BP read the minutes of the January 19 meeting. There were no corrections or amendments – Motion Marty N2BWK Second: Joe WA2JOE Motion Passed

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS: New Member applications were received from Michael Gutholc KE2FBL, Jamie Hannwacker No Call, Alex Kerr KE2FBN and Rob Vonbriel KE2FBM. Motion to accept as new members – Pete NA2J; Second Jeff N2LXM

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: All Four new members were present and introduced themselves and made comments.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE: President Ed NN2D reported that the club has 139 members with 4 new applications. The President reported further that there were 29 paid reservations for the Awards Luncheon on the 29th at Huddy's. Anyone interested should consider attending to recognize those members whose past year contributions have made the club successful and helped with amateur radio.

PROGRAM MATTERS: President Ed NN2D presented 4 areas for discussion and consideration about program updates and club initiatives –

- a) As the club goes forward it should seek out topics of interest and whenever possible involve members' expertise/experience. The officers are prioritizing radio operations with particular emphasis on new/recent licensed members to get them involved and seeking ideas and topics;
- b) Update on Existing Programs – i] Shack – Marlo KA2IRQ is developing plans to reorganize the shack, get rid of surplus/unused/outdated equipment. Look to having the shack open on Saturdays and other times to increase use of the shack; ii] Marlo reported on Field Day activities as it is not too early to be well into the planning stages; iii] Support of the Twin Light Bike Event will continue and as will FCC License Exams (VEC's).
- c) Programs in Development and Topics for monthly program meetings – i] Bill K8BP reported on the ongoing progress to present a Tech Class this September; ii] President Ed presented 5 possible programs for the coming year 1 – POTA/SOTA with Suzan W2QMI, Joe WA2JOE and Phil KE5I possible presenters; 2 – Satellite Operations and equipment with Cy K2CYS and other as presenters; 3 - Building Antennas – DX Commander antenna at CY K2CYS QTH or other possibilities; 4 Propagation with Joe WA2SFF presenting the program; 5 – Fox Hunt – Chris

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WA2SEM making a fox hunt antenna and performing a fox hunt. A fox hunt during field day and as a program to present to scouts and schools were also possible programs.

D) The officers will be developing a survey to pursue these ideas but the President invited ideas from the floor – i- Joh KA2F asked about a CW program, ii – Joe WA2JOE suggested a buyers night, iii – Jeff KZ2G and Diana KD2NAD endorsed the idea for an antenna build night program.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Art W2NAZ reported that issues with the bank continued and that it was hoped the issues could be resolved by next month. He and Ed NN2D were working on the problems. Art reported that the usual bills and other matters had been handled.

CLOSE – The meeting was closed and adjourned at 2017

Attendance – 19 in person; 15 on zoom