

GARDEN STATE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

16 January 2025

CALL TO ORDER: President Ed NN2D called the meeting to order at 1930

SALUTE TO FLAG: Pledge of Allegiance led by VP Bill K8WFB

HEALTH AND WELFARE: Fritz Kirchif W2CET has recovered from Covid

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Secretary Bill K8BP read the minutes from the December 19 meeting – Motion: Pete KD2EW; Second Mitch KE2 BRG; Motion passed

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS: New member applications were received from Bill Klatcher for Associate membership and Joe Cacciapalle, KE2EWM, and Patty Dougherty, KE2EVG, for regular membership – Motion Diana KD2NAD, Second Art N2NAZ, Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Joe KE2EWM and Bill (No Call) were in attendance and were introduced for comments.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Ed NN2D reported on his trip to Scotland and welcomed everybody to the new year. He commented on activities for the year especially that it was already time to start thinking about Field Day and approvals for Hamfest.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Art N2NAZ reported on difficulties in accomplishing transition to him. As a result there was no formal report to present.

President ED NN2D reported that everybody needed to be present at the bank to accomplish the transition and that other issues were complicating matters. PayPal was functioning appropriately and other regular expenses had occurred.

PREVIOUS MONTH

INDIVIDUAL MATTERS – BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Engineer Marlo KA2IRQ reported on access to the repeater and his near arrest and car tow. Everything has been worked out. Ocean Township, where the repeater is located, requested that in the future notice be given to the Police Dept of the intention to visit the repeater. The equipment is all in good order. However it is planned to go through the shack and put it in shape to begin to have regular operations sessions in it.

He further reported that the "Go Box" event had been very successful with an estimated 200 visitors and exhibitors. The Red Cross was also present and very pleased with the event. Small First Aid Kits were handed out to participants.

As to the Field Day Marlo KA2IRQ reported that applications to Ocean Township have been submitted for Field Day and penciled in. He will be reaching out to volunteers.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no Old Business to report.

NEW BUSINESS: President Ed NN2D called on Bill K8BP to present his proposal on GSARA sponsoring a Tech Class. The VE team which holds exam sessions every month typically only

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gets a couple of people taking tests. Bill commented that his experience in Ohio was that if the club sponsored classes it would provide more people wanting to be tested.

Rob Peters comment on the recently completed CERT class and the interest and need for its graduates to become licensed.

A motion to approve presenting a firm proposal for a Tech class was suggested by Bill K8BP – Motion: Joe WA2SFF, Second Marlo KA2IRQ Motion passed.

75th Anniversary – President Ed presented comments about the club history and that is 75 anniversary and association with ARRL was quickly approaching. He asked that a motion be made to approve the formation of a 75th Anniversary Committee. Motion Jay W2FLK, Second Art N2AJO – Motion Passed

The President mentioned that inflation had caught up with the Club and the cost of the Awards Luncheon at Huddy had risen as a result and that our cost per lunch was \$5 higher per attendee. The brochure for the luncheon has been disseminated several times – don't forget to sign up.

Art N2NAZ presented a motion to send \$100 to the food pantry Fulfill as we have in the past.

Motion was seconded by KE2EAM and passed unanimously

CLOSE: The meeting adjourned at 2007