

GSARA Meeting Minutes: January 13, 2017

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Bedford, NH

Officers in attendance

Dennis Markell (N1IMW): President

John Grubmuller (K1XF): Vice-President

Matthew Bedard (KC1EMI): Secretary

Russell Steenrod (KC1EAN): Membership

Barry Whittemore (NF1O): Treasurer

Meeting called to order by Dennis Markell (N1IMW) at 7:03PM

Officer's Reports

Treasurer:

Starting Balance: \$3,319.58

Income: \$125 (\$125 from dues)

Expenses: \$467.00 (\$2 in bank fees, \$125 Insurance, \$100 to the Bedford Police, \$200 to the church, and \$40 for the church and police department secretary's Christmas gifts)

Ending balance: \$2,977.58. This is up from the \$2,397.56 that we started the year with.

Barry also provided a year-end summary of the club's financial activities.

Motion by Charlie French (K1CRF) to revoke membership from the person who caused the check fee earlier in the year. Seconded by Mike Golini (K1SLT), motion accepted, no opposed.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report by Peter Hilchey (KC1FAD), seconded by Mary Whittemore (NE1F), motion accepted, no opposed.

Secretary:

- The minutes from last month's meeting went out and no corrections were reported.

- Motion to accept the secretary's report by Barry Whittemore (NF1O), John Grubmuller (K1XF) seconded, motion accepted, no opposed.

Membership:

- 100 members, 41 paid for 2017, 1 life member, 8 memorials

- We lost one member and a family, but we gained one member.

Old Business:

Repeater:

- Tom Perkins (AC1J) said it's working fine. He would like to put hardline in to reduce loses and some of the static that sometimes occurs when folks are transmitting. He is going to discuss this with the repeater committee. Next month's meeting, we will have Dale Clement (AF1T) give a talk about antennas that he has designed and built.

Business:

- Barry Whittemore (NF1O) The North American QSO party is this weekend. Next weekend is the ARRL January VHF contest. Last weekend there was a RTTY contest

- Mary Whittemore (NE1F) got her 5 band DXCC award with endorsements for 12m and 17m.
- Dennis Markell (N1IMW) NPOTA is over Dennis ranked 54 on the Activator Leader Board.
- Tom Perkins (AC1J) in May we will be having a Raspberry Pi talk.
- Bob Merrill (WI1O) VE Session in 2 weeks. He also brought some gear in, an old tuner, filter, and SWR meter. We auctioned off the tuner for \$21 to Robert Burton (W1RRI).

Mary Whittemore (NE1F) motioned to end the business portion of the meeting. Seconded by David Mackey (K1KA).

Program

Charlie French (K1CRF) gave a brief demonstration of some knots and pulley systems that he commonly uses.

Dennis Markell (N1IMW) presented a short video MGM video about ham radio: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SyWlJPnLPf8>

Meeting closed at 8:14PM