

GSARA Meeting Minutes: May 12, 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 7:01PM

Officer's Reports

Treasurer:

Starting Balance: \$2,946.56

Income: \$210 (\$210 in donations)

Expenses: \$2 (\$2 in bank fees)

Ending balance: \$3,154.56

Motion to spend \$220 for Charlie (K1CRF) to make a 40m beam antenna for field day by Jay (K1EHZ), seconded by Steve (WAIEYF) motion accepted.

Secretary:

- There were no minutes from the previous two months as the secretary was absent.

Membership:

- We currently have 95 members, 61 paid for 2017, 1 life member, 8 memorials
- One new membership application:
 - NF1L - Jack Duffy Jr.
 - KC1ASO - Steve Levine
 - KC1HGO - William Clendennin
- Motion to accept all members by Barry (NF1O), The majority accepted.
- Motion to accept the membership report by Barry (NF1O), seconded by Mike (K1SLT)

Business:

- Bob (WI10), the next VE session is June 17th.
- Barry (NF1O), the June VHF contest is coming up. Barry is planning on operating KB1NH (Boy Scout Troop 135) from a mountain in Maine.
- Jay (K1EHZ) during the ARES drill they were experimenting with some inverted V antennas. 40m didn't work very well, but 80m did much better. They were using it to experiment with NVIS. They coordinated with email, 2m, and N1IMO. They also had good luck with hamstick dipoles.
- NEAR-Fest: Dennis (N1IMW) bought a crank up tower for field day. Complete with a rotor.
- Charlie (K1CRF) motioned to close the business portion of the meeting Mike (K1SLT)

Seconded. Motion accepted.

Program

Don Norris N1KGK: "The Raspberry Pi"

A presentation about the history of the Raspberry Pi and some examples of applications and using them with a software defined radio.

Meeting closed at 8:40PM