

## **GSARA Meeting Minutes: October 13th, 2017**

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Bedford, NH

### **Officers in attendance**

Dennis Markell (N1IMW): President

John Grubmuller (K1XF): Vice-President

Barry Whittemore (NF1O): Treasurer

Matthew Bedard (KC1EMI): Secretary

Russell Steenrod (KC1EAN): Membership

Meeting called to order by Dennis at 7:00PM

### **Officer's Reports**

#### **Treasurer:**

- Starting Balance: \$3,137.36
- Income: Dues: \$135, Donations: \$20, VE Holdback: \$25
- Expenses: \$2 in bank fees, \$20 in VE Session
- Ending balance: \$3,295.36
- Motion to accept the treasurer's report by Mike Golini (K1SLT) seconded by Ed Leduc (KA1IJN). No opposed

#### **Secretary:**

- Updated minutes from last month's meeting were posted to the website, the date on the on Membership list was corrected.
- Motion to accept the secretary's report by Barry Whittemore (NF1O) seconded by Ray Ninness (K1KXN)

#### **Membership:**

- Now collecting 2018 dues!
- Membership count: 11 paid for 2018, 62 paid for 2017, 14 from 2016, and 11 from 2015. 1 Life member. Total of 99 members.
- Motion to accept the membership report Steve (WA1EYF) and Mike (K1SLT).

#### **Business:**

- Dennis (N1IMW): Next month's officer elections. The current board will be presented next month for re-election.
- Dennis (N1IMW): Any updates on the antenna parity act? There hasn't been much of an update on it. It is a pretty fluid process.
- Dennis (N1IMW): Nearfest was today.
- Barry (NF1O): FCC approved the opening of two new bands. In order to use them, you have to put in a request with the power line companies to use it. CQ world wide is coming up. There are a few DXExpeditions are going on right now.

- Matt (KC1EMI) Puerto Rico recovery efforts, LTE balloons in the works, and ARRL volunteers are being deployed.
- Girl Scouts are having a Thinking Day on the Air in February. More information: <http://www.arrl.org/news/girl-scouts-and-guides-thinking-day-on-the-air-generates-enthusiasm-for-ham-radio>
- David (KB1PKE): Jamboree on the air 118 Emerson road in Milford at the Chappell Tractor Grounds. There will be three stations Next Saturday 9AM to 3PM. At this point there is only need for one volunteer. Expecting about 150 scouts by patrol so it will be about 25-30 patrols. Scouts will have to make a contact outside of the district. Countries with scout programs require a scout to make a contact outside of the country. They will be on 10m, 20m and 40m.
- Bob (WI1O) - Sept 16th VE Session had 5 candidates and 4 new hams plus some upgrades. The next session in November.
- Mary Whittemore (NE1F) motioned to end the meeting, Richard Tenney (AB1BM) seconded.

**Program:**

Jay Taft (K1EHZ) - "WSPR Propagation During Solar Eclipse 2017"