GSARA Meeting Minutes: January 12th, 2018
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 7:10PM

Officer's Reports
Treasurer:
- Starting Balance: $3,374.88
- Income: Dues: $105
- Expenses: $514.98; Bank Fees: $2, Insurance: $125, Police donation: $100, Church donation: $200.00, other donations: 87.98
- Ending balance: $2,964.90
- We started 2017 with $2,977.58 and ended with $2,964.90
- Motion to accept the treasurer's report by Mary (NE1F) seconded by Mike (K1SLT). No opposed.

Secretary:
- Meeting minutes went out, no corrections were reported.
- Many corrections to the membership list were performed.
- Motion to accept the secretary's report by Mike (W1EAA) seconded by Bill (KC1HGO)

Membership:
- Now collecting 2018 dues!
- Membership count: 46 paid for 2018. Total of 85 members.
- New member: KC1ISM, Paul Beauchesne - Motion to accept new member Mike (K1SLT) and seconded by Jay (K1EHZ)
- Motion to accept the membership report by Rich (AB1B) and Barry(NF1O). No opposed.

Business:
- Dennis (N1IMW)Thank you letter from the Bedford Police Benevolent Association for the $100 donation.
- Bob (WI1O) VE Session is January 27th. 1,180 new licenses 374 upgrades in New England in 2017.
- Barry (NF1O) CQ Worldwide is over, North America QSO party is starting with CW this weekend, phone is the following weekend, and RTTY is after that. The VHF contest

is next weekend. The CQ 160m contest is coming as well.

- Matt (KC1EMI) New FT8 mode has really taken off and is proving to be very good for anyone participating in the grid square contest
- Raffle for a HeathKit meter donated by Bill (KC1HGO), won by Matt (KC1EMI) for $35
- Mary (NE1F) voted to end the business portion of the meeting Seconded by Mike (K1SLT)

- **Program:**
    - Peter J. Stohrer, K1PJS - ARRL NH Section Manager