



AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTHERN TIER, INC. AN ARRL AFFILIATED CLUB



N2EUS, Vice President, called the meeting of the ARAST General Membership to order on February 18, 2016, at 7:14 pm. The meeting took place at the Horseheads Town and Country Fire Department, 130 Gardner Road, Horseheads, New York.

Roll Call

Present - KD2BRD, KC3DOW, KC3DOV. KD2DGF, N2OJM, N2EUS, KD2DGD. N2YJY

Treasurer's Report – None

Membership Committee –KD2DGD reported that there have not been any new memberships paid up in the last thirty days. Our current membership is listed at 43 members.

Education Report – KA2BED is not here tonight.

Repeater Report – N2EUS reported that he will change out the power supply and cans on the 36/96 to see if it helps with the barrel rolls and feedback. He will do so when he can. He also pointed out that there are still a few barrel rolls on the 7/10 repeater.

Hamfest Report- The First Hamfest meeting will be March 1, immediately following the CCARES meeting.

CCARES – N2OJM reported that the CCARES Banquet will be on January 30 at the Elmira Heights American Legion. He reviewed the notes on the Drill held last Saturday. Overall everyone had a great experience and learned a lot about the drill. He received a donation to CCARES in the amount of \$500 from the Wine Glass Marathon Committee. The Wine Glass Committee has approved the use of the 443.2 repeater for the corning city area in this October's Marathon which will be held on October 2. He also mentioned that we have been fortunate enough to be spared from Winter storms but reminded us that we still have two full months of possible bad weather

Unfinished Business (aka "Old Business")

None at this time

New Business:

a. Nominations

The secretary read the specific portion of the Constitution and by-laws that addressed the nomination and voting process.

There are four Board seats being vacated by N2eus, N2YJY, KA2ZMT, N2SYT whose terms expire in March. Additionally the seat held by KC2STD is vacant as he has not paid dues in two years.

The following nominations were made from the floor at this meeting– N2YJY, N2EUS, KD2BRD, KA2ZMT, and N2SYT. Each of these members have until the close of the February meeting to accept the nomination or their names will not be on the ballot.

b. Concern over agenda or lack thereof:

There was a lively conversation regarding the lack of an agenda. Some believe that the general membership cannot meet unless the agenda is published 48 hours before the meeting. This would mean that the meeting we are holding is not legal. After a reading of the by-laws, specifically Article IV, #2, it was determined that the publishing of the agenda is a duty of the president. It further states “These agendas shall be made available at least 48 hours prior to the meeting when possible.” When possible is a term used to allow the President leeway. The question is what constitutes whether or not it was or is possible for the president to make the agenda available. At this point there isn’t any standard to use and the intent of this language was not to prevent the club from conducting business. This issue may need to be discussed in the future.

Calendar of events:

- a. CCARES Meeting February 2, 2016
- b. ARAST Meeting February 18, 2016
- c. Winter Hamfest February 27, 2016

Motion made & seconded to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

KD2DGF
Albert Comfort