



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



KA2BED, President, called the meeting of the ARAST General Membership to order on August 20, 2015, at 7:10 pm. The meeting took place at the Horseheads Town and Country Fire Department, 130 Gardner Road, Horseheads, New York.

Roll Call – KA2ZMT, N2YSY, N2EUS, KC3DOV, KC3DOW, WB2FXK, KB2STX, KA2BED, KD2DGF, N2AMW, KD2BRD, KD5KVI,

Perspective Hams Present Austin Maphis and Chad Maphis.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. After a small correction the minutes were approved as read and will be posted on the website as soon as possible.

Treasurer's Report – Given by N2AMW. A motion was made second and approved to accept the report.

Repeater Report – N2EUS – The repeaters are working well. The County inadvertently dug up the phone lines and Verizon will not be asked to fix them. N2EUS has cancelled our contract with Verizon and is moving ahead with Consumer Cellular which will save us money and provide better service.

A new club chartered by Meade Murtland, John Domville and others are working at getting Buzz's repeater up and running. This repeater is the 444.2 and will be up and running at a new site.

N2EUS has a polyphaser to put up on the 70/10 machine to help with the Barrel Rolls.

KA2BED reported on Echolink – it was down due to a bad end on a dB9 serial cable. It has been fixed and is up and running again.

Membership Committee – KD2DGF reported that the membership list on the website is almost up to date. There are three people currently not on the list they will be added As soon as possible.

Education Report –KA2BED – The following classes and scheduled times were noted: Technician class Tuesdays in September, General Class – Thursdays in September – Both will be conducted at the Petrie Room, Lower Level Arnot Ogden Memorial Hospital, 7pm. Books will be available at a cost of \$30. Charlie will order books at the first class to give out the second.

The test for both will be given at the Hamfest in September.

Hamfest Report- KD2DGF- Tickets are ready for sale and will be available at Tropical Fish Outlet and the Grand Spectacle. Vendors have been sent information – Quick Silver has reserved 14 tables, Gene from KJI has responded that he will be attending as well. Larry will be running the kitchen and getting the door prizes together as well.

The next Hamfest meetings will be September 10 (Horseheads Masonic Lodge) and 17 (T&CFD) . 7pm.

Help is need for the fest, bring friends, family and enemies if able to work constructively.

N2AMW still needs to purchase 5 more door prizes – he discussed buying the basic hand held radios such as the Baofeng. He also is looking at the rebates that are available. N2EUS suggested getting a dual band base antenna or two for door prizes.

WB2FXK stated that we are not in the CQ Magazine. We are in the QST Magazine.

CCARES – KD2DGF- Strong Kids Safe Kids Event - August 22 we need to man the gates and command post. KA2BED will be doing a demonstration for the kids at the red cross site.

The main wreckit exercise runs from October 5-9. The day amateur radio operators will be involved has not been disclosed as of this meeting.

Wine Glass Marathon - October 4. Help is needed for both events.

Unfinished Business (aka "Old Business") / *President*

The Club has been invited to work with the Amateur Radio International Space Station at the Soaring Museum. We are one of 16 groups and will be working with the National Soaring Museum in 2016. Kay Norton will be the contact person at the Soaring Museum for this event. She will hold a meeting soon. KA2BED also stated that he is learning how to use the new Echo Producer software. He will be testing it on the echolink system.

KC3DOV asked questions regarding the Website and the listing of the email addresses, mailing addresses and phone numbers. She will work with KD2DGF to obtain the information.

New Business:

A motion was made seconded and approved to hold a drawing for two tickets to next year's fest. This will be drawn based upon those who have paid to renew their dues by the end of the fest on September 26. The Drawing will be held at the October ARAST Meeting. KA2BED stated that he will include two tickets to the Winterfest as well.

KA2BED will need to call a Board Meeting to discuss Wreckit Drill. There was a concern with the Drill and it needs to be discussed. There also has to be a training in packet operations. The Guard shack behind the ER has access to the Packet System and the antenna connections are in the Health on Demand Office. Additional discussion was held regarding the availability of the equipment the EC has. A question was raised concerning access to the EMO after business hours.

Calendar of events:

- a. Strong Kids Safe Kids - August 22
- b. CCARES Meeting September 1
- c. Board and Hamfest Meeting September 10
- d. ARAST Meeting September 17
- e. Hamfest – September 26
- f. Wine Glass Marathon - October 4
- g. Wreck it Drill October 5-9

A motion was made to accept the minutes as read and then a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

KD2DGF
Albert Comfort