



## 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 October 15, 2015, at 7:05 pm. The meeting took place at the Horseheads Town and Country Fire Department, 130 Gardner Road, Horseheads, New York.

**Roll Call** – KA2BED, N2AMW, W3QBZ, KC3DOW, KC3DOV, N2YJY, N2EUS, KB2STX, KD2DGF, N9RIM, K2BEE, WB2FXK, KD2BRD

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

**Repeater Report** – N2EUS – There was an issue with the 36/96 machine Sunday night there were also reports that KLARA had problems with a repeater at the same time so the cause could be atmospheric. Hand held were really poor getting in to the repeater. Barry will go over everything once again to see if he can find any problems or issues.

Cabin 5 APRS was off since the breakers were turned off in the box. The breakers need to remain on at all times. There was a question regarding the door lock at the cabin. A report was given that the batteries were changed but the lock seems to be working fine.

**Membership Committee** – KD2DGF- A drawing for the free Winterfest tickets and next august Hamfest was held by Ada = the winner was KD2DGF.

**Education Report** –KA2BED – The classes on Saturdays will begin soon. This coming February's Tuesday classes for Tech Class and Thursday's classes for General will be held at the Petrie Room at Arnot Ogden Memorial Hospital.

**Hamfest Report**- KD2DGF- Overall all went well. 695 tickets were placed in the barrel. A report was given on the finances by N2AMW. A discussion was held regarding the VE testing and a communication issue. KA2BED mentioned having the VE test team from Ithaca assist with our next year's fest.

**CCARES** – N2EUS- Mark Secora presented the key to the caretaker's house to the EC at the CCARES Meeting. We will be able to move in sometime in the spring or summer. WE need to get all work approved by the County and they have the first right to refuse the work then and only then can we do the work.

Wine Glass Marathon - October 4 thank you to all who participated. The system established by the EMO did not function properly on the last third of the course. N2EUS reported that we do need to improve communications with the finish line.

N2EUS also thanked those who assisted KA2BED and the club with the Fire Department's Open House. It was short notice but it went well.

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

The Club has been approved to work with the Amateur Radio International Space Station at the Soaring Museum – this will include working with the Space Station Contact Mentor from the Amateur Radio International Space Station.

K2NSM is the call that will be used for the event. KA2BED will be the amateur leading the event. The application contains all the information as to what is required and recommended for the event. KA2BED will look into all the equipment. KA2BED is looking for a Sponsor for this event as there will be some national attention and the sponsor may get some great pr.

**New Business:**

KC3DOW asked questions concerning what can be done to increase the involvement and interest of new people in the Ham community. He would like to have a facilitated club brainstorming and planning session for the future of membership. We will hold it to the next month.

KA2BED suggested that we pen a letter and get the mailing list of all HAMs in Chemung County to invite them to be active in the club and its future.

N2AMW discussed the budget moving forward.

Calendar of events:

- a. Winter Skywarn Course - October 22
- b. CCARES Meeting November 3
- c. ARAST Meeting – November 19
- d. Winterfest – February 27 – Big Flats American Legion

Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

KD2DGF  
Albert Comfort