



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 November 19, 2015, at 7:07 pm. The meeting took place at the Horseheads Town and Country Fire Department, 130 Gardner Road, Horseheads, New York.

Roll Call

Present - KA2BED, KD2DGF, KA2ZMT, KD2BRD, N2QQE, N2OJM, KA3EQU, KC3DOW, KC3DOV, WB2FXK, KB2STX, KC2FNZ, N2EUS, N2YJY, KD2DGD, KD5KVI

Treasurer's Report –KA2ZMT does not have it with him. Forgone this month.

Repeater Report – N2EUS – Barry called KC2EQU in Syracuse who had made contact with us regarding a repeater they wish to operate on the 146.700 frequency. They do not believe it will create any interference with our 70/10 repeater which cannot be heard from the Syracuse club. Their repeater is being moved to Wesleyan College. Barry told KC2EQU he will check to make sure there would be no interference with the frequencies. Barry reported that he is still looking into the problems with the 147.36 repeater and will get help to eliminate problems but other states- including Kentucky- were getting static on 36 repeaters. Barry thinks we should shift to 70/10 if transmission is that bad again. Barry is waiting for info from the county so he can put the 220 repeater on the Harris Hill house. Enhancements were made to 220 and he wants to make sure it is up and running as soon as possible.

CCARES – N2OJM – reported that we had a mild summer and they are calling for a mild winter with at least one or two stronger storms. He is working with the county to get the electrical work done at the Harris Hill House. He is looking for items to be donated for the house. Drill January 16 –will last approximately 2 to 2.5 hours. Volunteers are needed and we would like to make it realistic.

Membership Committee – KD2DGD – We have 46 paid members 5 new members. We were at 50 members at this point last year.

Education Report – KA2BED – reported that last Tuesday evening a group of us worked with the Handicapped Boy Scout Troop of Chemung County, Troop 154 of Elmira Heights. We held a radio demonstration and encouraged the scouts to make radio contacts on the repeaters and over Simplex. KA2BED also presented each Scout a QSL card after they spoke on the air.

The next tech class will be Tuesdays in February and General will be held on Thursdays in February at the Petrie room at Arnot Ogden Memorial Hospital. The fee of \$30 will cover the cost of the book. Testing will be at the Winter Hamfest on February 27.

KA2BED reported that he had a few request from other Boy Scout Troops and a school for some future training opportunities.

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.

N2EUS discussed his conversation with the NSM in reference to having access to their roof to assemble a non-penetrating antenna mast. He reported that he is also working on getting donations or loaned materials for this event to help cut cost. A list will be circulated so members may assist with loaning equipment.

KA2BED handed out the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station Equipment Plan for members to view.

New Business:

The Budget for 2016 as proposed is attached to the minutes. Below is an overview of some of the expenses discussed for a complete list see the attached budget.

Repeaters - \$1,500 N2EUS asked that it be increased to \$2,200

Phone - \$500 – N2EUS requested that this be decreased to \$200 since we are using a cheaper phone plan.

NEW ITEM ADDED AT MEETING Harris Hill House - \$500

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the budget be recommended to the Board of Directors for approval with the three changes above.

Since our last meeting K2OAR and WA2YQO have become silent keys. A motion was made, seconded and approved that we make a donation of \$50 to Horseheads First United Methodist Church.

Calendar of events:

- a. CCARES Meeting – December 1
- b. ARAST Christmas Party – December 17
- c. K2LIM Contest Group - Winter Hamfest- Big Flats Legion – February 27

Motion made seconded to approve the minutes as read.

Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

KD2DGF
Albert Comfort