

Sussex Amateur Radio Association

November 19, 2015

Minutes

Submitted by

Raymond E. Deskins – WB3GNO

This meeting was held at Sussex Pines Country Club with meals served from their menu prior to the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Dell Palmer, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of silent for Silent Keys, Military Personnel and the individuals in Paris for the loss of life.

Dell asked that we all do an introduction.

The presentation for the meeting was a video on the Queen Mary was presented by Dell.

Dell announced that we had 5 people testing and 5 passed the tests.

The Christmas Party will be held on December 17th at the Sussex Pines Country Club and the dinner will cost \$25.00. Attendees are encouraged to bring a gift costing \$10.00 for the Chinese gift event. Dinner will start at 6:00 PM.

Herb had some comments for the people that tested advising that the FCC maybe delayed in issuing the calls for new hams.

Herb presented the Nominations Committees nominations for this year's election.

President - Dell Palmer

Vice President - Chuck Betyeman

Treasurer - Ray Deskins

Director - Vic Gumper

Director - Pauly Ross

Herb asked that a motion be made to accept the nominations presented by the committee and was seconded and passed by the membership present.

Bill Duveneck nominated Herb Quick for Secretary and seconded by Jamie Ashton. Motion was approved.

Vic Gumper brought up a point that we have an even number of officers which can result in a tie when voting during Executive Committee meeting.

Vice President's Report/Comments – An Executive Committee will govern and consists of the current officers plus the Past President. A committee has been approved to review the By Laws and the Constitution to correct any differences.

Secretary Report – A copy was posted on the website and a correction was made to correct Jack Upchurch's call KC3FKS. Motion was made and Second to approve minutes.

Treasurer Report – A copy of the Treasurer's Report was emailed to members and a motion and seconded to approve report.

Repeater Report – John Low said he is still having a problem getting approval of 147.015 Repeater from TMARC. Still getting interfere from Lancaster Repeater and needs to decide by December 17th whether to use 145.250 or 147.015.

Hamfest Report – Vic Gumper updated members on the new date, April 16th, as the date for the hamfest. We have some new vendors for the hamfest. Needs input for the raffle. A Generator, Fusion Mobile Ham Radio and Computer was discussed.

ARRL Report – Bill Duveneck is asking people to join the Delaware Traffic Net on 3905.00 HF at 1830 hours each evening. John Low is working on a Repeater System to link the three counties. The Antenna Act is making progress and could go to vote in January. ARRL National Park Events will be going this year and Jamie Ashton, W3UC, will be going to some parks to represent Delaware parks for the event. ARRL dues will increase from \$39.00 to \$49.00 soon, so he is recommending that we renew before dues increase.

ARES Report – Chuck Betyeman reported a Tech Class will be held December 5th and 6th and help is needed for the event at Sussex Tech.

RACES – John Ferguson reported the RACES website has been changed and has a different look. Registration for RACES is needed and will enable hams to operate when RACES is activated. Jay reported that workers are needed for the December 5th Rehoboth Marathon.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Motion to adjourn was made by Chuck Betyeman and seconded by Jamie Ashton at 8:37 PM. Meeting adjourned.