

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting - February 15, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President, Tom Gorman, KE2ES, at 8:00 pm.

Members present:

Tom, KE2ES
Lou, KC2FXK
Art, K2AWS
Sheldon, K2MEN
Jim, K2GXJ
Al, KB2AYU
Gary, WA3SVW
Cory, WA3UVV
Chuck, WA2TML

Reading of the Jan 18th Board minutes by Sheldon Parker, K2MEN. Minutes were approved as read.

The treasurer's report was submitted by Lou Ranson, KC2FXK indicating a positive cash flow of \$259.90 for Feb1-15, 2012. There was a brief discussion about proper handling of unplanned expenditures occurring during the year which were not specifically budgeted.

OLD BUSINESS

Hamfest - Several food vendor alternatives were discussed. Tom, KE2ES, restated Vinnie's prior concerns about last year's vendor poor food quality and high pricing. As it relates to seeking a new vendor, he pointed out that in addition to the one Ray Martin, W2RM, had suggested, the Boy Scouts could also be considered. It was noted that the boy scouts had provided food services to other organizations and had equipment/expertise. Cory, WA3UVV, suggested the 4-H club also be considered and agreed to contact them for more information. It was agreed to target a vendor decision by June 2012.

Repeater - Cory, WA3UVV, agreed to be the GCARC contact with Keith, W2ERP, to coordinate troubleshooting the interference problems. There was a brief discussion on troubleshooting techniques and alternatives for the initial problem solving approach.

New Member Initiative - Art, W2AWS, suggested a blanket invitation to the FlexRadio SDR program planned for March, be posted on the web site. Cory, WA3UVV, reported that he had contacted several organizations and radio clubs to encourage GCARC interest for new members in addition to old members who had dropped off. Jim, N2GXJ, suggested a member email and Crosstalk posting.

NEW BUSINESS

Programs - John Dilks, K2TQN, had offered to prepare presentations at future monthly GCARC general membership meetings. John writes the monthly column, Vintage Radio for QST magazine and is a friend of Ray, W2RM. Jim, N2GXJ, agreed to contact John to get more information and determine if and where his presentation(s) would fit into our schedule of programs.

Website - Art, K2AWS, presented the board members with CDs containing all Crosstalk issues to date. Art also offered to produce additional copies for all members. It was agreed that a free CD would be given to any member who purchased a 50-50 ticket at a future general membership meeting.

March general membership meeting - In order to allow as much time as possible for the FlexRadio presentation, it was agreed that we suspend as much of the March meeting agenda as the bylaws would allow.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheldon Parker, K2MEN, Recording Secretary

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting - May 02, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President, Tom Gorman, KE2ES at 7:35 pm. All officers were present. Tom welcomed new members Rick, KC2SGR, John, KC2SGN and Brian, KD2BDX.

The minutes of the April 4th general membership meeting were read and approved by the members present.

Treasurer's Report - Al Arrison, KB2AYU reported income of \$415 against \$262 in expenditures for a positive net flow of \$153 for the calendar month of April 2012.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARES/RACES - Gary Reed, N2QEE, reminded members that an MS Walk fundraiser would be coming this weekend at Parvin State Park. He also noted the Mud Run to be held in Newtown Square in the near future. Tom Gorman, AE2ES, also reminded members that the MS150 City to Shore bike event scheduled for September each year would welcome volunteers.

VEC - Gary Reed, N2QEE reported one candidate had been tested producing an Extra class upgrade.

Awards/Contests - Ken Denson, W2KRD, noted several small contests coming up which may be helpful for county hunters.

Clubhouse - Al Arrison, KB2AYU, reported that all VHF equipment is now operational as well as HF 30-10 meters. Members wishing to use the clubhouse equipment should contact Al.

Field Day - Vinnie Sallustio, N4NYY, reported that advance preparations for field day were in good order. This year's focus will be having fun, socializing and encouraging radio operating. He reminded everyone to plan antenna erections carefully because the bucket truck will be available only until 1:30pm.

Programs - Jim Wright, N2GXJ, indicated that photos of the GCARC visit to the Battleship NJ are available for website publication. The June general membership meeting will be our pizza and swap night event. A possible fox hunt is being considered for July when no general membership meeting is held.

Publicity - Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, reminded members of the June 9th Pitman bike race as well as the earlier mentioned MS150 bike event in September. Volunteers are welcome. He also had available a ½ watt simple transceiver kit available for any members who would like to build one.

Website - Jeff Garth, KC2WCS, reported that development of the replacement site is 99% complete. He has gotten the domain name from Microsoft and has several steps yet to complete before the transfer process is final. He noted that Battleship NJ photos were loaded and available for viewing. He also pointed out the development of a section for comments and uploads. 2 years service for the pro version at Weebly had been paid for.

OLD BUSINESS

FCC - John Zaruba, K2ZA, reminded members affected by CC&Rs to submit their comments on the ARRL site.

Website - Adan Maskery, KC2YJX, indicated that as an enhancement to information availability, minutes and presentations can be made available. Member only information can be passworded.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Gorman, KE2ES, said that Monroe Twp had invited GCARC to march in their annual Memorial Day parade. He also reported that Harry, W2FLY agreed to donate an analog 2 mtr repeater to GCARC. It will require new crystals at a cost of \$125. Cory, WA3UVV pointed out that our repeater has required virtually no repairs or maintenance for an extended period. He noted there is no lightning protection and mentioned several other maintenance issues. He moved that the general membership approve \$400 to address these items. It was seconded and approved by the general membership.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm. The evening's program was presented by Jim Wright, N2GXJ and Ken Newman, N2CQ. They provided a slide show and interactive demonstration on digital modes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheldon Parker, K2MEN, Recording Secretary

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting - May 16, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President, Tom Gorman, KE2ES, at 8:00 pm.

Members present:

Tom, KE2ES
Art, K2AWS
Sheldon, K2MEN
Jim, K2GXJ
Dave, WB3JOY
Gary, WA3SVW
Cory, WA3UVV
Marty, W2ILT
Chuck, WA2TML
Jeff Garth, KC2WCS
Adan Maskery, KC2YJX

Reading of the April 18th Board minutes was done by Sheldon Parker, K2MEN. Minutes were approved as read.

The treasurer's report was submitted by Chuck Colabrese in Al Arrison's absence. He reported income of \$1,776.25 and total expenses of \$1,597.67 netting \$178.58 for the period 1/1 through 5/16/2012. A line item detailed report was submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Repeater - Cory, WA3UVV, reported he had examined cables at the site and planned to assess the antenna as his next troubleshooting step. He pointed out that it was not a one man job and that assistance would be required. There was some technical discussion among several members focusing on possible approaches if the antenna proved not to be the problem.

Publicity - Cory, WA3UVV, indicated he was working on Skywarn info and that several members had not renewed.

Programs - Jim, N2GXJ, reminded everyone that the next general membership meeting would include pizza and a swap meet.

Website - Jeff Garth, KC2WCS, reported that W2MMD.org is up and working. He indicated that the transition from our old provider appeared seamless to users and he was able to overcome all obstacles. Adan Maskery, KC2YJX, said that a members only page with password protection could be made available. Cory, WA3UVV, noted that copyright notices should be posted on the site as necessary. Art, K2AWS, asked Jeff to coordinate picking up reflector responsibilities from Ken, N2CQ.

OLD BUSINESS

Volunteer event support - Cory, WA3UVV, reported that the Parvin MS walk received full support from GCARC volunteers and that the event went off without a hitch. He also reminded us that the Pitman bike race scheduled for June 9th and the MS 150 scheduled for Sept 29th and 30th would need volunteer support.

NEW BUSINESS

MS150 sponsorship - Dave, WB2JOY, asked for and received permission to act as a sponsor for GCARC on the volunteer shirts provided by the MS Society at the September 29 & 30 event.

D-Star - Tom, KE2ES, reported that D-Star for Gloucester County had been successfully installed at Rowan and was now operational.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheldon Parker, K2MEN, Recording Secretary

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting - June 06, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President, Tom Gorman, KE2ES at 7:35 pm. All officers were present except for Jim Wright, N2GXJ, who was unable to attend.

Tom welcomed Frank Simila, KC2SJ, BSA leader, Keith Waltman, W2ERP, President of the Gloucester City ARC, and Jay Goheen, KB2ADL, Secretary of the Gloucester City Amateur Radio Club.

The minutes of the May 2nd general membership meeting were read and approved by the members present.

Treasurer's Report - Al Arrison, KB2AYU reported income of \$365 against \$190 in expenditures for a positive net flow of \$175 for the calendar month of May 2012. The report was approved by the members present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARES/RACES - Gary Reed, N2QEE, reminded members that the Pitman bike race would be held on June 9th and GCARC members were welcome to attend.

VEC - Gary Reed, N2QEE reported he attended 2 sessions this past month. The first, in Franklinville, produced one successful general candidate. The second, at Cumberland County EOC resulted in 9 new technicians.

Awards/Contests - Ken Denson, W2KRD, noted the 10 meter contest results would be published in July QST and GCARC would be represented. Al Arrison indicated the ARRL VHF QSO party to be held on June 9 & 10. He will be in the Poconos with the Pack Rats.

Clubhouse - Al Arrison, KB2AYU, reported that all maintenance in preparation for field day had been performed. He was following up on overhead wire removal.

Field Day - Vinnie Sallustio, N4NYY, reported the following:

- Frank, KC2SJ would run the GOTA on 2 meters
- Chuck to assure removal of overhead wiring
- Only electronic logs would be permitted and he has software where needed
- Bill Grim reminded the members that 1:30pm would be the antenna erection deadline, the 40 meter truck would be there and not to forget the customary breakfast at the Harrison House before field day activities begin.
- Frank, KC2SJ, indicated the scouts would be setting up on Friday night and Bill Grim would coordinate their camp location.

Programs - Tom Gorman, KE2ES, reported that Jim Wright, N2GXJ, GCARC program director, was awarded 2nd place in the ARRL video contest. Congratulations Jim.

Repeater - Tom Gorman, KE2ES, reported the crystals for the backup repeater had been ordered and were expected in a few weeks.

Website - Jeff Garth, KC2WCS, reported that the GCARC Battleship NJ video would be published and that 100 hits were recorded in the first month after our transition. He alerted members to subscribe to the reflector in order to take advantage of email capabilities.

OLD BUSINESS

Tom Gorman, KE2ES, requested help from any member available to assist Ray Martin with his antenna. He also reported that Doug Gehring was now home and recovering from surgery.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Gorman, KE2ES, reported GCARC had participated in the Williamstown Memorial Day parade and had a table at their annual event that day. He hoped our participation at the festivities would promote ham radio and help maintain our good relationship with the township.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm. The evening's program was a swap meet complete with pizza.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheldon Parker, K2MEN, Recording Secretary

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting - June 20, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Tom, KE2ES at 7 pm at the Harrison House diner in Mullica Hill.

In attendance were:

Tom, KE2ES
Al, KB2AYU
Cory, WA3UVV
Dave, WB3JOY
Gary, WA3SVW
Gene, AA2YO
Marty, W2ILT
Vinnie, N4NYY
Wayne, WA2LET

Tom, KE2ES read the minutes of the prior board meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Al, KB2AYU distributed copies of the treasurers report and discussed the highlights. The treasurer's report was approved without any changes.

OLD BUSINESS

147.18 "Existing" Repeater - Based on an observation that Chuck, WA2TML bought up at a previous board meeting, Cory, WA3UVV reported that before the June meeting, he spoke to a Maritime mobile in Delaware. Cory noticed that his audio dropping out but was still able to copy the other station (in a quiet room) about 60 dB down. Then it came back to normal.

Gary, WA3SVW observed that on the Sunday evening ARES net, when stations could not hold the repeater, their audio could be heard way in the background (-50 to -60 dB?). He also noticed the same phenomena were present when someone started speaking without waiting for the repeater to start transmitting.

The "corrective measures" path that Cory proposed was essentially to wait until the "new" repeater could be placed in service at which time perform a long-overdue complete PM on the entire repeater while it was off-line. Then it could be a backup for the Pitman machine.

147.18 "New" Repeater - Tom, KE2ES reported that the new crystals arrived from Int'l Crystal Mfg Co and were given to Harry, W2FLY by Gary, N2QEE. Harry was to install them and conduct system tests on the repeater up at his shop in Waterford Works.

Field Day Exercises - Vinnie, N4NYY and Wayne, WA2LET both gave an update on the final arrangements for Field Day.

Highlights were as follows:

- Grass was mowed; electrical lines were taken down.

- Troop 9 Boy Scouts would camp out Friday night and that the trailer would be open to accommodate them. The board rejected having to incur an \$85 fee to rent a “porta potty” and suggested that the unit not to be rented in advance of Field Day. Scouts would operate a GOTA station.
- All food and refreshments were purchased. A barbeque grill would be furnished.
- GCARC would operate as W2MMD – 8A

Pitman Bike Races - Cory, WA3UVV advised that there was a good turnout of club members that handled ARES communications along the route and that no major problems were reported.

NEW BUSINESS

New Members

The board approved six new members and one returning. They are:

John, KB2ADL	Gloucester City
Ted, N2EBB	Franklinville
Dave, AC2IQ	Williamstown
Frank, KC2SJ	West Deptford
Bill, N2VIL	Glassboro
Keith, W2ERP	Westville
Wayne, WA2VOY	Williamstown (Returning)

It was also agreed that Al, KB2AYU would contact each new/returning member via email to see if they wanted a refund if they paid dues for the full year.

July general membership meeting - Due to the first Wednesday in July falling on a July 4th holiday, it was reminded that there would not be a general membership meeting and that the next one would be August 1st.

Crosstalk - Gene, AA2YO reminded everyone that Monday, June 25th was the deadline for all Crosstalk inputs.

Health & Welfare - It was reported that both Doug, WA2NPD and Ray, W2RM were recovering nicely and were planning on attending Field Day.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting - July 18, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Tom, KE2ES, at 7 pm at the Harrison House diner in Mullica Hill.

In attendance were:

- Tom, KE2ES
- Jim, N2GSJ
- Al, KB2AYU
- Sheldon, K2MEN
- Cory, WA3UVV
- Dave, WB3JOY
- Gary, WA3SVW
- Gene, AA2YO
- Wayne, WA2LET

Doug, WA2NPD
Chuck, WA2TML

Reading of the June 20th board minutes was done by Sheldon Parker. The minutes were approved as read.

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Al Arrison, KB2AYU. Net inflow for the calendar year through 7/18 was \$1,905 and outflow, \$2,251 for a negative \$346. The report was approved as read.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programs - Jim, N2GSJ, announced a radio direction finding event being considered for August. It would be presented at the August general membership meeting.

Publicity - Cory, WA3UVV, noted the American Cancer event which had been supported by several members.

Repeater - Cory, WA3UVV, reported that new crystals had been installed in the W2FLY donated repeater and Harry had tested the unit for 2 weeks. All looks good. Gary, N2QEE, now has repeater and will arrange with Tom, KE2ES, for installation. Cory suggested the unit be moved to the trailer for full evaluation before final installation.

Clubhouse - Al, KB2AYU, indicated our field would be used for parking during the upcoming 4-H annual event. He also reported that roofer Bob Anderson had examined the trailer roof and plans to provide repair estimates for a rubber covering. Other maintenance being considered include ceiling, carpets and general appearance items.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Field Day - There was a short discussion relating to Bill, NJ2S not being able to replace Vinnie as FD chairman as originally planned. Harry Elwell, K2ATX, will be asked to assume field day responsibilities.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheldon Parker, K2MEN

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting - August 01, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President, Tom Gorman, KE2ES at 7:30 pm. All officers were present.

Tom welcomed Rose, a visitor interested in ham radio.

Treasurer's Report - Al Arrison, KB2AYU reported YTD through 7/18 income of \$1,905 against \$2,251 in expenditures for a negative net flow of \$346. The report was approved by the members present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clubhouse - Al Arrison, KB2AYU, reported that overhead wires had been replaced and the 4-H club was using our area for annual event parking.

Field Day - Vinnie Sallustio, N4NYY, reported that we had set a new club record with particularly good results on 40M and 20M CW along with 15M digital.

Hamfest - Vinnie Sallustio, N4NYY, indicated the flyer had been updated, the event had been registered with the ARRL and that the Boy Scouts would be supplying food this year.

Publicity - Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, reminded members that volunteers were needed for the upcoming Sept 29 & 30 MS150 city to shore bike ride. He indicated there was a shortfall of volunteers and even non hams would be welcome to support the event in some capacity. Tom Gorman, KE2ES, pointed out that Dave McDonald, WB2JOY, had personally funded GCARC sponsorship on the volunteer t-shirts for this year's MS150.

Programs - Jim Wright, N2GSJ, indicated there would be a foxhunt on Sunday. He would discuss details during a transmitter location/hunt presentation after the meeting. He said that Al Arrison, KB2AYU, would lead a discussion on VHF and UHF operating during the September general membership meeting.

Web Site - Jeff Garth, KC2WCS, reported that the web site seemed to be working as expected. No problems reported.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Gorman, KE2ES, reported that Mal Mason's daughter had located his original W2MMD call sign emblem which Mal had personally crafted in a machine shop during the 1950s. She donated it to the club where it will be displayed in the clubhouse.

John Zaruba, K2ZA, announced there will be ARES training on August 11th at the Cooper Hospital. The focus would be on digital data transmission, a mode particularly valuable when data accuracy and spelling are important during emergency situations.

Tom Cusack, KC2THO, spoke about the South Coast Amateur Radio Service. Information is available at www.voip.southcars.com. He also noted that Handi-Ham nets were held daily at noon eastern time. See <http://www.handiham.org/nets> for additional information.

Tom Gorman, KE2ES, and Ken Denson, W2KRD, awarded Doug Gehring, WA2NPD, a plaque and new vanity tags (for his car) to recognize his many years of dedicated service to GCARC.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm. Jim Wright, N2GXJ, presented a detailed program on direction finding (fox/transmitter hunting).

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheldon Parker, K2MEN, Recording Secretary

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting - August 15, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Tom, KE2ES, at 7 pm at the Harrison House diner in Mullica Hill.

In attendance were:

Tom, KE2ES
Jim, N2GSJ
Al, KB2AYU
Sheldon, K2MEN
Cory, WA3UVV
Dave, WB3JOY
Gary, WA3SVW
Doug, WA2NPD
Chuck, WA2TML
Art, K2AWS

Reading of the July 18th board minutes was done by Sheldon Parker. The minutes were approved as read.

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Al Arrison, KB2AYU. Net inflow for the calendar year through 8/15 of \$1,924 and outflow, \$2,330 for a negative \$406. The report was approved as read.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clubhouse - Al, KB2AYU, indicated there was nothing significant to report except that he had not yet heard from Bob Anderson about a roofing repair estimate. Doug, WA2NPD volunteered to follow up with Bob. Tom, KE2ES, reported the new repeater had been moved to the club house and covered with protective plastic.

Programs - Jim, N2GXJ, solicited new ideas from club members for 2013.

Publicity - Cory, WA3UVV, announced that September is National Preparedness Month. He plans to get info to work with a local repeater.

Hamfest - Tom, KE2ES, indicated Vinnie, N4NYY, had reported the Hamfest preparations were on track. Tickets had been ordered, ARRL had been notified, postings on eham.net were completed, and food needs were nearly finalized. Doug, WA2NPD, suggested we provide the Boy Scouts a customary menu to maintain continuity.

Website - Art, K2AWS, indicated all was running smoothly and Jeff Garth, KC2WCS, seemed to be doing a fine job.

OLD BUSINESS

There was a short discussion on setting a live trial date for the new repeater toward the end of 2012.

MS150 - Tom, KE2ES, reported he had received a note from the MS Society indicating a shortage of volunteers and asking that we again solicit members for any kind of volunteer work.

NEW BUSINESS

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sheldon Parker, K2MEN

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting - November 07, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President, Tom Gorman, KE2ES at 7:35 pm.

No visitors, no upgrades.

Treasurer's Report - Al Arrison, KB2AYU reported YTD through 11/7 income of \$5,880 against \$4,927 in expenditures for a positive net flow of \$952. The report was approved by the members present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARES/RACES - John Zaruba, K2ZA, reported on activities related to Hurricane Sandy. He mentioned that there was a need for more operators and that many lessons were learned that will be used to fine tune future deployments.

VEC - Gary Reed, N2QEE, reported 6 candidates at the recent test session with a result of 4 Techs and 1 Extra.

Clubhouse - Al Arrison, KB2AYU, reported that the Clubsite survived the hurricane with no damage. He also reported working the first weekend of the EME contest and having some technical difficulties and local line noise. He will try again on the second weekend Dec. 1-2.

Repeater - Al Arrison, KB2AYU reported that he now has the interface card for the "new" Motorola Micor repeater and we now have to find the time for a work party at the repeater site.

Programs - Jim Wright, N2GSJ, indicated there will be foxhunt #2 on Sunday, November 11th.

Elections Tom, KE2ES, listed the current slate of candidates for 2013 Club officers.

Tom, KE2ES – President

Jim, N2GXJ – Vice President

Alan, KB2AYU – Treasurer

Sheldon, K2MEN – Recording Secretary

Cory, WA3UVV – Corresponding Secretary

(2) Three year directors: Gene, AA2YO and Wayne, WA2VOY

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Al Arrison, KB2AYU, reported that Marty Wilt, W2ILT, has located a house trailer that is available for free. The trailer is larger and in much better shape than the one we have now. It is located at the Williamstown fire company and must be moved off the premises before Thanksgiving. After some discussion, the general consensus was that even though it will cost quite a bit to do a trailer swap, the end result will be a much nicer and better utilized Clubhouse. A motion was made to allocate up to \$2000 to move the trailer to our site. A unanimous vote approved the motion. Tom Gorman, KE2ES, will contact local businesses to find a suitable mover.

Adan, KC2YJX, and Jeff, KC2WCS, will be going to the Frostfest Hamfest in Richmond, Virginia on February 2, 2013. If you have anything you would like to sell, they can take it and try to sell it for you.

Adan, KC2YJX, reports that a group he is a member of, The Squankum Paranormal Research Team, will be building a permanent shelter for the generator at the GCARC Clubsite. Thanks to Adan and the group for this much needed item.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm. The evening's program was a roundtable recollection of two recent GCARC silent keys, Jim Casto, N2IMH, and Doug Gehring, WA2NPD.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alan Arrison, KB2AYU, Treasurer

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting - December 05, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President, Tom Gorman, KE2ES at 7:35 pm.

Visitors: Bart, KC2WVP, from Blackwood.

No upgrades.

Treasurer's Report - Al Arrison, KB2AYU reported YTD through 12/5 income of \$5,880 against \$5,531 in expenditures for a positive net flow of \$349. The report was approved by the members present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARES/RACES - John Zaruba, K2ZA, reported that during the first 3 days of operations for Hurricane Sandy, over 1500 man hours were logged. He mentioned that ARES/RACES was alerted following the Paulsboro train derailment, but were not needed. John also noted that CERT training was worthwhile because it includes material on ICS (incident command system).

VEC - No report.

Clubhouse - Al Arrison, KB2AYU, reported working the second weekend of the EME contest and logging 2 Russians, 1 German, and 1 US station. He will put a sound clip of one of the contacts on the Club website. If you have WSJT on your computer, you can decode the clip and see whose transmission it was.

Repeater - Al Arrison, KB2AYU reported that we are hoping to install the "new" repeater sometime after the holidays. John, K2ZA, reported not being able to bring up the 220 repeater. We will check on this.

Programs - Jim Wright, N2GXJ, reported on our successful 2nd foxhunt. Al, KB2AYU, talked about being the fox hidden at Alcyon Lake Park in Pitman. Jim is already lining up programs for next year's meetings. If you have a topic that you are passionate about and would like to share it with the Club, please contact Jim.

Elections Tom, KE2ES, listed the current slate of candidates for 2013 Club officers.

Tom, KE2ES – President
Jim, N2GXJ – Vice President
Alan, KB2AYU – Treasurer
Sheldon, K2MEN – Recording Secretary

Cory, WA3UVV – Corresponding Secretary

(2) Three year Directors: Gene, AA2YO

(1) Four year Trustee: Bill, N2VIL

As there was still an opening for a director, the floor was opened for nominations for that position. Mark, W2OCY and Jeff, KC2WCS were nominated. They were both present and both accepted their nominations. This meant that voting would have to be held to elect 2 Directors from the 3 nominees.

Since both the Recording Secretary and the Corresponding Secretary were not present, the Treasurer, Al, KB2AYU cast a unanimous vote to formally elect the nominees for all uncontested positions.

Ray, W2RM was appointed to oversee the voting for the 2 Director positions. The final count was Mark, W2OCY – 16; Jeff, KC2WCS – 12; Gene, AA2YO – 9. Mark and Jeff were declared elected.

OLD BUSINESS

There was some discussion of what steps to take next in order to remove the old trailer and install the new one. The GCARC Board will be taking care of most this.

NEW BUSINESS

Al Arrison, KB2AYU, reported that he is now accepting dues for 2013.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.

The evening's program was several members discussing how they got into Ham radio. Ray, W2RM and Tom, KE2ES shared their stories.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alan Arrison, KB2AYU, Treasurer