

## **Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting January 2, 2013**

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

The minutes of the December 5th, 2012 meeting were read and approved by the members present.

Tom Gorman, KE2ES, recognized visitor Mark Harris, KC2VEF. No upgrades were reported.

**Treasurer's Report** Al Arrison, KB2AYU reported YTD through December 31, 2012 of \$5,935 against \$5,958 in regular budgeted expenditures for a negative net flow of \$23. An additional \$1,000 was spent to move the new (to us) trailer from the Williamstown Fire Company to our Mullica Hill club site. Although this expenditure was approved by the membership during the year, it was not included in the original 2012 operating budget. He also reported YTD 2013 income of \$450 and expenditures of \$88.50 netting \$361.50. The report was approved by the members present.

Tom Gorman, KE2ES, announced the names of all officers and board members who had been elected.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ARES/RACES:** Gary Reed, N2QEE, indicated there was nothing to report.

**ARRL:** John Zaruba, K2ZA, reported the Glassboro D-Star repeater (freq 440.10625) had been repaired and now seems to be working fine. A gateway installation was in process and is intended to be tied into Rowan's network within a week. There was a brief discussion among several members about D-Star capabilities. John volunteered to present a D-Star program at a regular GCARC general membership meeting during 2013.

**Clubhouse:** Tom Gorman, KE2ES, indicated that Bill Szkromiuk, N2VIL, was pursuing local permits. Planned installation date for the new trailer is spring 2013.

**Website:** Jeff Garth, KC2WCS, reported the site has been operating as expected.

**Programs:** Jim Wright, N2GSJ, indicated that proposed programs had been listed in our monthly newsletter, Crosstalk. He pointed out that February's meeting would feature QRP and home brewing while March would be lightening protection. A Fox hunt is planned for Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Repeaters:** Tom Gorman, KE2ES, reported the 220 repeater has been working fine, but the 2 meter unit was still experiencing some intermittent problems. A replacement is at the Mullica Hill trailer.

**VEC:** Gary Reed, N2QEE, reported that November testing had produced 2 new technicians and December one Extra. 2012 recap: There were 14 sessions held in 2012 drawing 56 candidates. 41 of those passed producing:  
26 Technicians  
6 Generals  
9 Extras

**Contests:** Ken Denson, W2KRD, reminded members of the RTTY roundup this weekend followed by the North American QSO party-CW later in the month. Al Arrison, KB2AYU, pointed out that the ARRL January VHF contest would be offering an FM only category for the first time.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Budget:** Al Arrison, KB2AYU, delivered a copy of the 2013 operating budget for all members to review. He also indicated that \$200 had been allocated for ARRL support but had not been spent. He planned to forward a \$200 check for the spectrum defense fund.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Family Picnic:** Jim Wright, N2GXJ, indicated he would establish a picnic committee for 2013.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm. The program for the evening was "Digital Modes" presented by Cory Sickles, WA3UVV.

Respectfully Submitted, Sheldon Parker, K2MEN, Recording Secretary

## **Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting January 16, 2013** **No Minutes Recorded**

## **Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting February 6, 2013**

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

The minutes of the January 2nd, 2013 meeting were read and approved by the members present.

No upgrades were reported. Visitors recognized by Tom Gorman, KE2ES, were:

Jim Hannon, KC2SNI

Norm Glenn, W2GAR

Louis Moore, KC2TSG

New member, Bart Conrad, KC2WVP was recognized as well.

Tom Gorman, KE2ES, noted that a signed agreement to use the Pfeiffer hall for calendar year 2013 had been received.

**Treasurer's Report:** Al Arrison, KB2AYU reported YTD inflow through February 6th of \$655 against \$147 in regular budgeted expenditures for a positive net flow of \$508. An additional \$340 was transferred to establish the GCF NOW checking account. The total cash in all accounts, including savings is \$19,468. The treasurer's report was approved by a vote of the members present.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Budget:** Al Arrison, KB2AYU, reviewed the proposed 2013 budget which was introduced during the January general membership meeting. After review by the membership, the budget was approved by a vote of the members present.

**Trailer:** Chuck Colabrese, WA2TML, reported he had taken photos of the inside of the trailer and plans to make them available by the next general membership meeting in March. Bill Szkromiuk, N2VIL, indicated he plans to ask the Harrison Twp committee to consider GCARC a non commercial entity for purposes of securing

permits to move and install the new trailer. This will allow GCARC to safely install the new trailer with lower township and fewer professional fees and sign offs. Tom Gorman, KE2ES, estimates permits and installation to be \$3,500 with the information currently available. He asked the general membership to approve this expenditure as part of our capital spending plan. The request was approved by a vote of the members present.

**Rag Chew:** Tom Cusack, KC2THO, reminded the members that the rag chew would be held on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Gloucester City ARC Hamfest:** Tom Gorman, KE2ES, reminded members that Gloucester City ARC hamfest, scheduled for February 23<sup>rd</sup>, would be held at the Pine Grove Fire Hall on Jersey Ave. Talk in on 447.775. More details can be found on NJ2GC.org.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm. The program for the evening “QRP Home brewing and Kit building” presented by George Heron, N2APB and Joe Everhart, N2CX.

Respectfully Submitted, Sheldon Parker, K2MEN, Recording Secretary

**Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting February 20, 2013**  
**No Minutes Recorded**

**Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting March 6, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Jim Wright, N2GXJ at 7:30 pm. Officers present were Jim Wright, N2GXJ, Al Arrison, KB2AYU, Sheldon Parker, K2MEN and Cory Sickles, WB3UVV.

The minutes of the February 6th, 2013 meeting were read and approved by the members present.

The visitor recognized by Jim Wright, N2GXJ, was:  
Chris Collins, KD2CUS.

Jim announced the following upgrades:  
Brian Jones, KD2BY to General  
Mark Townsend, W2OCY, to Extra  
Kyle Townsend, W2KBT to General

Jim Wright, N2GXJ, announced the following new members:  
Clarence Rogers, AA2QD  
Jim Hannon, KC2SNI  
Norm Glenn, W2GAR  
Mark Harris, KC2VEF

**Treasurer’s Report:** Al Arrison, KB2AYU reported YTD inflow through March 6th of \$1,401 against \$683 in regular budgeted expenditures for a positive net flow of \$718. The total cash in all accounts, including savings is \$19,675. The treasurer’s report was approved by a vote of the members present.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Contests:** Ken Denson, W2KRD, pointed out there had been an ARRL DX SSB contest the prior weekend, however, no ARRL sponsored contests were scheduled this month. Several state contests were coming up and would provide opportunities for members needing them.

**Clubhouse:** Bill Szkromiuk, N2VIL, reported that repairs had been performed on the new trailer hitch by Joe Shevlin, KC2PHM, and that he was progressing on township construction requirements.

**Field Day:** Jim Wright, N2GXJ, reported that Mark Townsend, W2OCY along with his son Kyle Townsend, W2KBT, has assumed the roles of co-chairmen for 2013. He also announced that Boy Scout troop 9 offered to join us again this year.

**Programs:** Jim Wright, N2GXJ, said that Bill Grim, W0MHK, holder of 10 band DXCC, would host April's meeting to discuss DX. He also reminded members that the planned visit to the Battleship NJ was scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**VEC:** Gary Reed, N2QEE, reported February test results yielded new 1 Extra, 1 General and 2 Technicians.

**ARES/RACES:** Ed Champion, N2RO, announced 2 position changes. Marty Wilt, W2ILT, would be heading up training and Tony Otlowski, KD2AFY, would be the net manager.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Cub Scouts:** Frank Simila, KC2SJ, reported he had introduced ham radio to the tiger cubs (1<sup>st</sup> graders) in a live presentation. Cory Sickles, WA3UVV and Ray Martin, W2RM, were the "voices in the box".

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Jeff Garth, KC2WCS, announced the new mailing list had been set up successfully and that all members should have received an email with instructions on its use. Jeff also announced a suggestion box which would be located at the coffee table tonight. Jim Wright, N2GXJ, thanked Jeff for his outstanding work on the website.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. The program for the evening "Lightening Protection and Proper Grounding" presented by Ron Block, NR2B.

Respectfully Submitted, Sheldon Parker, K2MEN, Recording Secretary

## **Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting March 20, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Jim Wright, N2GXJ, at 7 pm at the clubhouse in Mullica Hill.

In attendance were:

Jim Wright, N2GXJ  
Bill Szkromiuk, N2VIL  
Sheldon Parker, K2MEN  
Chuck Colabrese, WA2TML  
Art Strong, K2AWS  
Cory Sickles, WA3UVV  
Gary Mirkin, WA3SVU  
Jeff Garth, KC2WCS

Al Arrison, KB2AYU  
Mark Townsend, W2OCY

A reading of the February 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 March 20<sup>th</sup> was \$1,420 against expenses of \$717, netting \$703. Al pointed out that dues represented \$1,295. The report was approved by the members present.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Clubhouse:** Nothing to report.

**ARES/RACES:** Certification (CERT) graduation is scheduled for Monday night. 30 students from the Saturday class and 50 from the Tuesday night class are scheduled to graduate.

**Crosstalk:** Jim Wright, N2GXJ, asked Jeff Garth, KC2WCS, if he would consider becoming the editor replacing Gene Schoeberlein, AA2YO. Jeff agreed to consider it.

**Field Day:** Jim Wright, N2GXJ, announced that Mark and Kyle Townsend had agreed to be chairmen. Troop 9 has agreed to join us again this year and is planning a sleepover.

**Ham Fest:** Al Arrison, KB2AYU, who had previously informed the 4H club of our Sept 15<sup>th</sup> ham fest date had not yet received confirmation. He indicated he would follow up with the 4H club to seek confirmation of our regular 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in September date. Chuck Colabrese, WA2TML, pointed out that no chairman had been named yet. Bill Price, NJ2S, had expressed interest, but is not currently a member.

**Membership:** Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, indicated he had prepared a letter noting new hams and upgrades. 40 GCARC membership invitations had been sent out.

**Programs:** Jim Wright, N2GXJ, said that Bill Grim, NJ2S, would be talking about DX/DXCC at the April general membership meeting and that the annual visit to the Battleship NJ was planned for April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Picnic:** Jim Wright, N2GXJ, indicated the preferred location, Red Bank Battlefield, was booked on the dates being considered by the club. Adan Maskery, KC2YJX, would be reviewing alternatives.

**Publicity:** Chuck Colabrese, WA2TML, indicated Bill Price had been invited by Broadway Electric for their April 20th "survival" event to offer a presentation on ham radio and communications capabilities in emergencies. Support volunteers are welcome. BESCO will permit the sale of ham radio equipment.

**Repeater:** Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, reported that power had been cut by Verizon subcontractors working at the Pitman water facility. 2 Meter, 440MHz and 1280MHz repeaters were all affected. Cory visited the site and discovered an underground conduit feeding the repeaters had been cut and plugs had been removed from sockets. He plugged in the repeater power and requested that Verizon not touch our equipment or power sources. He suggested we post notices asking that power not be disconnected. There was a brief discussion on the need for battery backup. It was pointed out that power was currently shared by the water tower pump and that the town would likely protect that power source. Jim Wright, N2GXJ, asked that an estimate be prepared for battery backup in the event members would like to consider it.

**Web Site:** Jeff Garth, KC2WCS, indicated the domain name fee was up for renewal May 6th. Fees are \$9/year or \$48/5 years. The board members approved spending \$48 for the 5 year extension.

**Trailer:** Bill Szkromiuk, N2VIL, asked about the location of our 4H lease because it may be needed during the process of securing a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) for the new trailer. Art Strong, K2AWS, agreed to search his records for an electronic copy since the hard copy was unavailable at the moment. Bill indicated that drawings would likely be needed during the permitting process. He also said that cinder blocks and tie downs would be required for the foundation. He pointed out that volunteers would be needed for the prep work in advance of moving the old trailer and promised to send an email to members asking for volunteers. There was a brief discussion on CO requirements. It was agreed to focus on the CO needs before pursuing cosmetic improvements.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**New Members:** Ron Block, NR2B, and Chris Collins, KD2CUS, were both approved by the members present.

**Football team:** Al Arrison, KB2AYU, promised to ask the team to replace the bounced \$285 check and reimburse us for the bounced check fee.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**GCARC Picture Album:** Jim Wright, N2GXJ, suggested that we pursue a picture directory for members. No action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sheldon Parker, K2MEN

## **Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting April 3, 2013**

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

The visitor recognized by President Tom Gorman, KE2ES was:  
Christine West , WA2MVU.

Tom announced the following new members:  
Chris Collins, KD2CUS  
Ron Block, NR2B

The minutes of the March 6th, 2013 meeting were read and approved by the members present.

**Treasurer's Report:** Al Arrison, KB2AYU reported YTD inflow through April 3rd of \$1,652 against \$658 in regular budgeted expenditures for a positive net flow of \$994. He noted that Hudson C/Ds had been closed in order to fund expenditures previously approved by the general membership for the new trailer. The treasurer's report was approved by a vote of the members present.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ARES/RACES:** Joe Shevlin, KC2PHM, indicated that Ed Champion, N2RO, had attended Radiological Emergency Response Plan (RERP) classes. It was pointed out that sign up applications for MS ride and walk fundraisers would be sent to GCARC members next week. Jeff Garth, KC2WCS, has also provided applications on our web page. John Zaruba, K2ZA, reported there would be upcoming RERP drills and exercises for which he would provide details at an upcoming meeting. He noted the South Counties Emergency Radio Network (SCERN) was operating on the D-Star network.

**Contests:** Ken Denson, W2KRD, reported the CQ prefix contest had occurred last weekend. He noted the following upcoming contests:

ARRL Rookie Roundup SSB  
144 MHz Spring Sprint  
PODXS – PSK31  
10/10 digital  
Several state and international contests

**Crosstalk:** Gene Schoeberlein, AA2YO, would be stepping down as the editor after many years of service. Jeff Garth, KC2WCS, will now assume the responsibilities.

**Field Day:** Mark Townsend, W2OCY, reported that the spreadsheet for band chairmen had been completed and requested members provide any additional information necessary to help him with field day planning.

**Membership:** Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, announced the new Technician classes to be held in Lakeland on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. He would be hawking new members at the event. Marty Wilt, W2ILT, is the contact. The class is free. Testing fee is \$15.

**Repeaters:** Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, reported that our 3 repeaters located at the Pitman water tower all went down simultaneously a few weeks ago. He immediately performed an on-site investigation and discovered that Verizon subcontractors had cut an underground power line and unplugged our repeaters. He plugged them back in and requested that power not be disconnected in the future.

**Clubhouse:** Bill Szkromiuk, N2VIL, reported that repairs had been performed on the new trailer hitch by Joe Shevlin, KC2PHM, and that he was progressing on township construction requirements.

**Sunshine:** Ray Martin, W2RM, said he was helping with the disposition of radio equipment for the estate of SK Russ Glans, N2ASV. He planned to keep members posted. He also mentioned a get well card had been sent to Jeff Garth.

**Trailer:** Bill Szkromiuk, N2VIL, provided an overview of the progress made thus far on the replacement of our old trailer with a new (to us) unit. He provided photos and reminded members of the capabilities of the stations and antennas at the club site. He recognized the following members for their help in this enormous task thus far:

Cory Sickles, WA3UVV  
Chuck Colabrese, WA2TML  
Joe Shevlin, KC2PHM  
Tom Gorman, KE3ES  
Al Arrison, KB2AYU  
Frank Messick, W2FJM  
Ed Champion, N2RO  
Sheldon Parker, K2MEN

Bart Conrad, KC2WVP  
Mike Mollet, N2SRO  
Bill Price, NJ2S  
Tom Cusack, KC2THO

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Jim Wright, N2GXJ, reminded members the annual battleship NJ visit was scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> and that a signup sheet was available this evening. He also mentioned the club picnic had been scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup> at the Red Bank Battlefield in National Park.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. The program for the evening "DX and DX awards" presented by Bill Grim, W0MHK.

Respectfully Submitted, Sheldon Parker, K2MEN, Recording Secretary

## **Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting April 17, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Tom Gorman, KE2ES, at 7 pm at the clubhouse in Mullica Hill.

In attendance were:

Tom Gorman, KE2ES  
Jim Wright, N2JXG  
Bill Szkromiuk, N2VIL  
Sheldon Parker, K2MEN  
Chuck Colabrese, WA2TML  
Art Strong, K2AWS  
Cory Sickles, WA3UVV  
Gary Mirkin, WA3SVU  
Al Arrison, KB2AYU  
Mark Townsend, W2OCY  
Dave McDonald, WB3JOY

A reading of the March 20<sup>th</sup> 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 April 17<sup>th</sup> was \$1,852 against expenses of \$782, netting \$1,070. Al pointed out that dues represented \$1,675. He also reported receiving a \$285 replacement check from the football team for lawn mowing in 2012. One C/D had been cashed and placed into the operating account to provide for trailer moving and installation expenses. Total \$\$ for all savings and operating accounts is now approximately \$21,500. Al also reported that the annual State of NJ corporate fees were paid and proper filings made in advance of the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. The report was approved by the members present.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Programs:** Jim Wright, N2GXJ, reported that the date for our family picnic had been set for July 13<sup>th</sup> at the Red Bank Battlefield in the Riverfront pavilion.

**Hospitality:** Dave McDonald, WB3JOY, reported that donations for coffee and donuts at the general membership meetings were exceeding expenses.

**Training:** Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, reported that Technician training classes scheduled for next Thursday, Friday and Saturday would be held at the Lakeland Fire Company facility. There was a brief discussion about additional personnel support for the classes and VECs for testing on Saturday.

**Public Relations:** Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, indicated he had received a new member application resulting from his letters sent to new and upgraded hams (provided by the ARRL). He also reported having written several articles intended for magazine publication.

**Field Day:** Mark Townsend, W2OCY, indicated that Field Day organizing was on target. There was a brief discussion about contacting Celeste Riley to attend the event.

**Trailer:** Bill Szkromiuk, N2VIL, said he had secured agreement from township officials to lift the requirement for formal “certified” engineering drawings for electrical, plumbing and foundation areas. He also indicated that Ed Champion, N2RO, planned to provide informal electrical drawings and that Broadway Electric may contribute some needed equipment. He had also obtained a plumber to provide an appraisal/evaluation of the trailer and promised to provide informal drawings for the township. Bill reported he had received volunteer support to perform the first steps required for removal of the old trailer. Bill had also received several offers to move the trailer which were currently under review. Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, suggested that we contact Dave Strout, W2YC, to determine how to properly transfer title/ownership of the old trailer to the individual who is selected to remove it in order to extinguish any GCARC liability at the point when the old trailer is hooked up and ready to go.

**Membership:** Al Arrison, KB2AYU, listed members who had not paid 2013 dues. A membership application from Joseph Sereday, KD2DSU, was approved by the members present.

**Hamfest:** Al Arrison, KB2AYU, indicated that 4H fees appear to have increased significantly from prior years. Cory Sickles was asked to contact 4H to determine if GCARC could seek relief from the higher fees.

**Clubhouse:** Al Arrison, KB2AYU, reported he had begun to remove radio gear from the old trailer in preparation the move to our new trailer. He also discussed transferring the security system as well. Jim Wright, N2GXJ, suggested that updating the equipment records kept by the trustees might be timely. Al agreed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sheldon Parker, K2MEN

## Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting May 1, 2013

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

Visitors recognized by President Tom Gorman, KE2ES were:

Christine West, WA2NVU

Barry Ballurio, KC2PHF

Barry Howe, KD2DLO

Neil Nickerson, KD2DOO

Tom announced the following new member:

Joe Sereday, KD2DSU

Tom also noted that Ernest Kraus and Jim Quinn had just passed the Technician test.

Tom recognized one of GCARC's charter members, Charlie Sketchley, K2PQD. At 94 years old, Charlie is the oldest ham to be associated with GCARC.

Upgrades: Bart Conrad, KC2WVP, has passed the General exam.

The minutes of the April 3rd, 2013 meeting were read and approved by the members present.

**Treasurer's Report:** Al Arrison, KB2AYU reported YTD inflow through May 1st of \$1,852 against \$1,124 in regular budgeted expenditures for a positive net flow of \$728. He noted the total for all accounts now stands at \$19,688. The treasurer's report was approved by a vote of the members present.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**ARES/RACES:** Joe Shevlin, KC2PHM, reported the following scheduled activities:

April 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting at Cooper Hospital

April 22<sup>nd</sup> Certification graduation

April 29<sup>th</sup> State RACES net

**Publicity:** Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, noted the demo at Broadway Electric on April 21<sup>st</sup> had been successful. He also reported there had been 10 successful technician grads from the recent classes and pointed out there would be a craft fair on May 18<sup>th</sup>. He reminded members that the annual Tour de Pitman was scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup> and radio support volunteers would be needed. Contact Ed Champion, N2RO.

**Training:** Tom Gorman, KE2ES, announced the planned joint Gloucester and Camden County MCC (Medical Coordination Center) training "EOC for hospitals" would be coordinated by Richard Tighe, N2PHI. Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, announced general class training was planned with a 30-45 day target start date. New Jersey Emergency Preparedness classes are scheduled for the upcoming week. Classes for General and Technician class courses would be offered as well.

**Field Day:** Mark Townsend, W2OCY, indicated he would be needing assistance getting the generator started.

**Programs:** Jim Wright, N2GXJ, noted the recent club visit to NJ2BB had occurred during the rookie roundup and resulted in an active operating opportunity. Planned for the June general membership meeting would be DX expeditions hosted by Darrel Neron, AB2E. Jim also reminded members the annual pizza night and swap meet was planned for the July general membership meeting.

**VEC:** Gary Reed, N2QEE, reported the following test results:  
March 5 successful candidates- 2 Technicians, 2 Generals and 1 Extra  
April 1 successful candidate passed the General exam

**Trailer:** Bill Szkromiuk, N2VIL, indicated 2 work parties had been completed during the previous week and additional work was being scheduled to prepare the old trailer for removal.

**Rag Chew Net:** Tom Cusack, KC2PHO, reminded members that the net is scheduled on the third Thursday of each month at 8pm.

**HamFest:** Al Arrison, KB2AYU, indicated he has sent the deposit to reserve our spot at the 4H facility scheduled for Sept 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Clubhouse:** Al Arrison, KB2AYU, reminded members the clubhouse has been partially dismantled as part of the move to a new trailer and will be unavailable for radio club activities until the new trailer installation is complete.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Al Arrison, KB2AYU, reported that he, Adan Maskery, KC2YJX and Dave McDonald, WB3JOY had removed aluminum from the old trailer and sold it for scrap yielding \$190 for the club.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. The program for the evening, "Hilltop to Hilltop Signals Across NJ" was presented by Walt Andariese, W2WLJ.

Respectfully Submitted, Sheldon Parker, K2MEN, Recording Secretary

## **Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting May 15, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Tom Gorman, KE2ES, at 7 pm at the clubhouse in Mullica Hill.

In attendance were:

Tom Gorman, KE2ES  
Jim Wright, N2GXJ  
Bill Szkromiuk, N2VIL  
Sheldon Parker, K2MEN  
Cory Sickles, WA3UVV  
Gary Mirkin, WA3SVU  
Al Arrison, KB2AYU  
Jeff Garth, KC2WCS

A reading of the April 17th 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 may 15th was \$1,852 against expenses of \$1,027, netting \$825. Al indicated he would request insurance

documents from Chuck Colabrese, WA2TML, as required by the 4H Club. The report was approved by the members present.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**New Members:** The following new member applications were presented for Board approval:

Elwood (Jerry) Jacobus, WB2QEF  
Anthony (Tony) Otlowski, KD2AFY  
Jim Quinn, KD2EAK

All three applicants received unanimous approval by the Board members present.

**Field Day:** Tom Gorman, KE2ES, reported that the GCARC is not listed as a field day participant. Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, agreed to contact the ARRL to resolve the issue. Tom Gorman indicated the field lighting wires were still in position and agreed to arrange for their removal. Tom Gorman said he would follow up with Mark Townsend, W2OCY, to determine the status of outstanding items needed to be finalized in advance of field day on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Cory Sickles reported that he had not received a response for his request that a county Freeholder attend field day. He plans to pursue other local dignitaries in order to seek bonus points for field day scoring.

**Programs:** Jim Wright, N2GXJ, reminded members that Darryl Neron, AB2E, would be the featured speaker at the June general membership meeting. His discussion would be DXpeditions. Geocaching will be a possible topic for the July meeting.

**Clubhouse:** Al Arrison, KB2AYU, reported that the old trailer still needed some preparations for its demise. A Wednesday volunteer event has been planned. Bill Szkromiuk, N2VIL, indicated the possible mover was becoming more difficult to work with. Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, volunteered to check with the 4-H club to determine how they used an "on site" trailer disposal service and perhaps take advantage of it for our trailer removal/disposal.

**Web Site:** There was a brief discussion relating to emails sent by board members. Jeff Garth, KC2WCS, clarified email methodology and offered to provide guidance when needed.

**Training:** Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, announced that a new class targeting the General class ticket was planned. He is now ironing out details for hard of hearing student needs and will provide further details as they become available. He plans to offer the class to all applicants, not just hard of hearing. A September time frame is expected.

## OLD BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sheldon Parker, K2MEN

## Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting June 5, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President, Tom Gorman, KE2ES at 7:30 pm. 30 members were in attendance including all officers.

Tom announced the following new members:

Tony Otlowski, KD2AFY

Jim Quinn, KD2JEQ

Jerry Jacobus, WB2QEF

The minutes of the May 1st, 2013 meeting were read and approved by the members present.

**Treasurer's Report:** Al Arrison, KB2AYU reported YTD inflow through June 5th of \$2,092 against \$1,044 in regular budgeted expenditures for a positive net flow of \$1,048. The treasurer's report was approved by a vote of the members present.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ARES/RACES:** John Zaruba, K2ZA, reported on a successful state level exercise held earlier in the day. He also noted that ARRL section emergency test exercises were being set up for September and October.

**Publicity:** Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, reported that the annual tour de Pitman had been a great success and thanked the GCARC members who supported the event.

**Awards/Contests:** Ken Denson, W2KRD, noted the following upcoming contests:

June VHF

Kids Day

West Virginia QSO party

Field Day

13 colonies (whole first weekend in July)

**Field Day:** Mark Townsend, W2OCY, was developing the band map and had 9 transmitters committed so far. Mark plans to test the generator this weekend. He also noted a porta pottie would be needed.

**Trailer:** Bill Szkromiuk, N2VIL, indicated the old trailer is ready to be demolished and permits to move the new trailer into place are expected within a few weeks. Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, had received a commitment from Steve Smith, 4-H President, to demolish the trailer, saving the club approximately \$1,600 in removal costs.

**Programs:** Jim Wright, N2GXJ, reminded members that Darrell Neron, AB2E, would be the guest speaker this evening and pointed out that pizza and ham radio movies would be scheduled for July's meeting. He also reminded members that July 13<sup>th</sup> was the family picnic.

**VEC:** Gary Reed, N2QEE, reported the following test results:

March 5 successful candidates- 2 Technicians, 2 Generals and 1 Extra

April 1 successful candidate passed the General exam

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. The program for the evening, "DXpeditions, an Overview and Experience" was presented by Darrell Neron, AB2E.

Respectfully Submitted, Sheldon Parker, K2MEN, Recording Secretary

**Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting June 19, 2013**  
**No Minutes Recorded**

**Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting July 3, 2013**  
**No Minutes Recorded**

**Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting July 17, 2013**  
**No Minutes Recorded**

**Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting August 7, 2013**  
**No Minutes Recorded**

**Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting August 21, 2013**  
**No Minutes Recorded**

**Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting September 4, 2013**  
**No Minutes Recorded**

**Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting September 18, 2013**  
**No Minutes Recorded**

**Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting October 2, 2013**  
**No Minutes Recorded**

**Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting October 16, 2013**  
**No Minutes Recorded**

**Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting November 6, 2013**  
**No Minutes Recorded**

## Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting November 20, 2013

### No Minutes Recorded

## Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting December 4, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President, Tom Gorman, KE2ES at 7:30 pm. 47 members were in attendance including all officers.

Tom announced the following visitors:

Walt Seitz KB2JCG

Tom announced the following upgrades:

Mark Gottlieb, KD2EUZ to Extra

The minutes of the November 6, 2013 meeting were read and approved by the members present.

**Treasurer's Report:** Al Arrison, KB2AYU reported YTD inflow through December 4th of \$7,562 against \$5,135 in regular budgeted expenditures for a positive net flow of \$2,427. Additional costs separately budgeted for the new trailer installation have almost reached the \$3,500 mark budgeted for 2013 and additional costs are anticipated. Future requirements to complete trailer alterations will be discussed separately later in the meeting. The treasurer's report was approved by the members present.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Contests:** Ken Denson, WB2P, noted the ARRL 160 meter contest was scheduled for the Dec 7-8 and the ARRL 10 meter contest the following weekend. The annual Rookie Roundup was planned for Dec 21-22.

**ARES/RACES:** John Zaruba, K2ZA, announced the Gloucester County EMCOMM Group repeater, KC2TXX, would be connected to the world-wide D-STAR reflector (REF001C) every Saturday from 00:01 to 23:59 to encourage operators with D-STAR radios to explore all the possibilities of that mode. He noted that worldwide communications would be possible.

**Field Day:** Kyle Townsend, W2KBT, announced that GCARC had scored 11,638 points and 2,937 QSOs in category 11A during the 2013 field day weekend. We scored #1 in category 11A, #2 in the SNJ section and #4 in the entire Atlantic Division.

**Repeater:** Tom Gorman, KE2ES reported the power amp appears to have failed. Arrangements for repair and exploring a new antenna to replace the 20 year old Station Master was underway. No target yet for completion of repairs.

**Christmas Party:** Tom Gorman, KE2ES, reported the party was well attended and seems to have been a very successful event. He thanked Ray Martin, W2RM and Phyllis Martin, W2PDB, for their exhaustive efforts organizing the party.

**Clubhouse:** Ray Martin, W2RM, thanked the many people who have participated in the work parties and donated needed equipment. Electrical work is almost complete, thanks to Bill Price, NJ2S, with almost 1,000 feet of Romex used. Bart Conrad, KC2WVP, installed the tie downs. Township construction officials have verbally approved all work thus far. However, budgeted monies for 2013 have been exhausted. Before proceeding further, Ray asked the membership to approve \$4,000 for the remaining materials and labor needed

to ready the trailer for occupation and station operations. The membership approved \$4,000 for this use for the period December 4, 2013 through December 31, 2014.

**Sunshine:** Ray Martin, W2RM, reported that Joe DiNovi, WA2GFK, had been ill and was making good progress toward recovery.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Art Strong, K2AWS, nominated all officers and directors who had been recommended by the nominations committee in November, on an unopposed slate. The membership unanimously voted to elect them as follows:

President	Jim Wright, N2GXJ
Vice President	Cory Sickles, WA3UVV
Recording Secretary	Sheldon Parker, K2MEN
Corresponding Secretary	Bart Conrad, KC2WVP
Treasurer	Al Arrison, KB2AYU
Director (3 yrs)	John Zaruba, K2ZA
Director (3 yrs)	Dan Tremolini, N2TXG
Trustee (4 yrs)	Brian Jones, KD2BXD

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, asked members if there was interest in a road trip to ARRL headquarters in Newington, CT. Many members expressed interest and Cory agreed to explore it.

Ray Martin, W2RM, offered to donate assorted hard line connectors and an antenna for the repeater if needed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm. The program for the evening, Commercial TV Installations, was presented by Dean Sargent, W2CGZ.

Respectfully Submitted, Sheldon Parker, K2MEN, Recording Secretary

**Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting December 18, 2013**  
**No Minutes Recorded**