

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 19, 2014

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

Board members in attendance were:

Jim Wright, N2GXJ  
Sheldon Parker, K2MEN  
Cory Sickles, WA3UVV  
Al Arrison, KB2AYU  
Chuck Colabrese, WA2TML  
Dan Tremolini, N2TXG  
John Zaruba, K2ZA  
Bart Conrad, KC2WVP  
Mark Townsend, W2OCY  
Jeff Garth, KC2WCS

A reading of the February 19th 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 19th was \$2,123 against expenses of \$288, netting \$1,835. Al noted a \$100 donation had been made by Steve Blasko, W2TDS, to support the repeater and that another \$80 had been donated by Insu Chon, AB2IT, for general use. Al also reported that approximately 10 members had not yet paid their dues. The report was approved by the members present.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Repeater – Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, reported the new digital repeater on loan from Yaesu for testing by GCARC, was expected to be delivered in a few days. Cory had agreed to provide Yaesu performance reporting on a long term basis. John Zaruba, K2ZA, indicated the facility at Rowan was prepared to receive the new repeater immediately. Cory indicated the repeater had both analog and digital capabilities and would operate on 2 meter and 440 mhz bands.

Programs - Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, outlined the general membership offerings for the next several months. April would feature John Dilks, K2TQN, to discuss vintage radio. Cory plans to present AM and FM discussions for the May meeting. June is pizza month and July will feature Mark Townsend, W2OCY, to review field day 2014.

Publicity – Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, indicated he had sent a silent key notice to the ARRL concerning the death of club member Stu Cleveland, N2WUP.

Clubhouse – Ray Martin, W2RM, reported that Mark Gottlieb, WA2DIY, had procured and delivered free flooring a few days earlier. Ray planned a work party for the upcoming weekend to get installation started. Still planned but not complete are plumbing and septic repairs which Ray is following up on with the plumber designated to do the job. Chuck Colabrese, WA2TML, volunteered to install exit signs. Upon completion of the plumbing and exit sign jobs, we should qualify for a Certificate of Occupancy from the boro. Ray noted also that he plans to secure counter tops for some of the operating positions.

Field Day – Mark Townsend, W2OCY, indicated he would provide set up and operating details for participating members within and article he plans to write for the next issue of Crosstalk.

Hamfest – Jim Wright, N2GXJ, reported that one of the ham fest committee members, Harry Elwell, K2ATX, would be unable to participate any longer, leaving Tom Gorman, KE2ES, the only remaining member. Tom had previously provided extensive details for a site alternative in Williamstown. The board reviewed his information and discussed the opportunities and shortcomings of both the Williamstown and 4-H Mullica Hill locations. It was pointed out that any new site must be an overwhelmingly better alternative to the 4-H site which we have used for many years because of vendor and patron familiarity with the 4-H site as well as its location relative to major highway arteries. Otherwise we could risk loss of vendors and attendees in addition to the resultant possibly significant revenue. There was some discussion relating to details on the 4-H contract. However, the board unanimously agreed to select the 4-H site for the 2014 GCARC ham fest.

## OLD BUSINESS

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Club site issues – Jim Wright, N2GXJ, said Steve at the 4-H Association indicated he had arranged to have an independent inspector of his choosing to examine the utility poles on our leased property to determine if they are safe. He wants to avoid

replacement if possible. Jim also reported he explored an alternate lawn mowing service, but was unable to secure a clear opportunity. He said we may be able to get someone to mow free on occasion.

## NEW BUSINESS

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New member welcome package was recommended by Al Arrison, KB2AYU, which might include items such as the badge, constitution, bylaws, and a member card. Jim Wright, N2GXJ, noted he had discovered some open issues relating to the bylaws and wanted to clear them up before circulating them.

There was some discussion about unpaid member dues. It was agreed that the deadline for payment would be extended until the first meeting in April.

Picnic- There was some discussion on who was responsible for arranging the picnic. Jim Wright, N2GXJ, agreed to coordinate responsibilities with Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, before the next board meeting.

To note the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the GCARC, there was some discussion relating to a special booth and perhaps call sign at the 4-H peach festival this year. No action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheldon Parker, K2MEN