Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club
Meeting of the General Membership
April 2, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President, Jim Wright at 7:30 pm. 43 members were in attendance.

Jim announced the following visitor:
Bill Shepard WA2KMS Jennifer Robinson KD2EYR Laurie Love KD2EYW
Larry Rockhill WA2SJG John Dilks K2TQN Bob Price No call

The minutes of the March 5, 2014 meeting were read by acting Secretary Tom Gorman KE2ES and approved by the members present.

Treasurer's Report Al Arrison, KB2AYU reported that it was the final night to pay dues to remain on the Club roster. He reported a YTD inflow of $2343 against $529 in regular budgeted expenditures resulting in a positive inflow of $1814. The total expenses for the year, including the trailer expenses are $2414 for a net of minus $70. Thus far $8500 has been approved by the membership for the trailer project and it has been taken out of the bank. Total in all cash and savings accounts is $15,667.

The report was approved by the membership.

COMMITTEES

Clubhouse Replacement – Ray Martin, W2RM, reported that significant progress had been made. He thanked members for their donations, especially Mark Gottlieb, WA2DIY for the donation and delivery of the flooring and furniture. The flooring has been installed by club volunteers, except for about 8 pieces. He provided receipts for his expenditures to the Treasurer. It was discovered that the underground water feed to the trailer will require extensive repairs. Leaks and corroded valves were found under the trailer and at the shutoff located near the road. A plywood floor, toilet and sink have been installed in the bathroom. A problem with the drain pipe to the toilet was repaired. A receptacle for the hot water heater, an exhaust fan, and a vent for the drains still need to be installed. Ray also reported that access codes for the trailer are ready to be given out.
Bill Price, NJ2S reported that a licensed plumber would have to be hired for the repairs to the trailer water supply because the water to the neighboring farm house will have to be shut off to accomplish the repairs. This includes replacing the ball valve and drain valve under the trailer, and connecting the trailer to the water supply. He said that there is a switch in the hallway to turn on the hot water heater and when the switch is on, a red bulb in the bathroom is lit. The alarm system is working. It uses a cellular radio link to the Central Station. It is running for 30 days on a call list. Exit signs have to be installed at both exits.
Kevin Hall, KB2FFZ has leveled the trailer. He added additional pilings under the trailer so that there are now 11 pilings in the front and the back. Then the hurricane straps will be tightened. They expect to be ready for the C.O. inspection in two weeks.
John, K2ZA reported that the Medical Coordination Center, South at Cooper University Hospital donated a Kenwood TM-V71 2 meter/440 dual band radio to the Club for use in the Clubhouse.

Repeater – Cory. WA3UVV reported that he has received a YAESU DR-1 Digital/Analog 2 meter Repeater for Beta Testing by our Club. He brought the equipment to the meeting for members to see. The repeater will be

installed temporarily at a site at Rowan University for testing. During this time the Club's 2 meter repeater will be taken off the air and the new repeater will operate on the same 147.78/18 Mhz frequency. Emails will be sent out announcing the progress and providing information about the new repeater.

Public Service – Cory WA3UVV informed us that the following events are coming up and require amateur radio support. WALK MS, Sun. May 4, 2014, The Tour de Pitman, Sat. June 7, 2014, and the MS 150 Sept. 27-28. 2014.

Hamfest – Tom, KE2ES reported that the Hamfest will be held on Sunday September 14, 2014 at the 4H Fairgrounds. The application and deposit for the use of the grounds has been sent to 4H.

Field Day - Mark, W2OCY reported that he had a band chairman sign-up sheet. He encouraged members to sign up to reserve a band for Field Day. There is a possibility that the Scouts will be at this year's Field Day.

Health and Welfare – Stu Cleveland, N2WUP a long time member, is now a Silent Key. Ray, W2RM reported that he sent a sympathy card to the family. Ray also mentioned that Bob Grimmer, KN2QWO, a former club member who very active has become a silent key. Ray will send a sympathy card on behalf of the club.

VEC Testing – Gary, N2QEE reported that last month they held a VE session. They had three candidates, and ended up with 2 Technicians and a General. He also gave an extensive report on VE Testing for 2013. They conducted 15 sessions serving 79 candidates. 66 or 84% of the candidates passed. That included new 34 Technicians, 24 Generals and 8 Extras. The VE's participating: N2RO, K2ZA, N2MHO, K2AWS, K2ATX, K2AEN, AC2BK. AC2BY, WA3UVV, K3CIM, KF3G, and WB2P. A new question pool for the Technician exam is coming in July 1.

Emergency and Public Service – No report

Contesting - Ken, WB2P reported that there are no contests coming up. Everyone should look for the W1AW portable stations on the air.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim, N2GXJ reported that the Club's RDF Fox Hunt was won by the team of Jeff, KC2WCS and Dan, N2TXG.
Jim also reminded everyone that the Club Picnic will be held again this year, but, a date has not yet been selected.
Cory, WA3UVV once again requested that Club members submit pictures (headshots) to Jeff for the Club Directory that is being prepared.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Wright, N2GXJ, announced that W1AW would be celebrating their 100th anniversary by offering operators, from all over the world, a chance to work W1AW in all 50 States. W1AW/2 is scheduled for August. GCARC will operate, using this call one day in August. We will operate from the new Club Station, W2MMD. He encouraged members to sign up for operating times.
Jim also announced that on Sunday April 27, GCARC members will be guest operators at NJ2BB, the Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station. Meet at the Battleship at 12 Noon.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. The program for the evening was "Radio Pioneers" presented by John Dilks, K2TQN.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chuck Colabrese, WA2TML, Acting Recording Secretary