

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club
Board of Directors Meeting
July 16, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President, Jim Wright, N2GXJ, at 7:10 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
Dan Tremolini, N2TXG
John Zaruba, K2ZA
Bart Conrad, KC2WVP
Mark Townsend, W2OCY
Jeff Garth, KC2WCS
Dave MacDonald, WB3JOY
Tom Gorman, KE2ES

A reading of the June 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 May 21st was \$2,798 against expenses of \$1,823, netting \$975. Total for all account balances is \$13,939 as follows:

Savings	\$3,424
Checking	1,174
CD1	4,776
CD2	4,299
Cash	<u>266</u>
Total	\$13,939

Al noted that field day expenditures totaled \$405 from the budgeted amount of \$500. The treasurer's report was approved by the board members present.

New member applications:

Charles Wahl KC2STO

The application was unanimously approved by the board. Al Arrison, KB2AYU, noted the new member had included \$30 with his application when only \$10 was required. He agreed to contact the new member to request clarification.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clubhouse – Al Arrison, KB2AYU, noted that although the heat from summer weather posed difficulty for members wishing to work on clubhouse projects, we will be operational for the W1AW/2 event at W2MMD on August 8-9. Several cosmetic jobs still need attention including skirting. There was a brief discussion about fencing around the towers but no action was taken.

Programs - Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, noted that our August general membership meeting topic would be provide by Ron, N3RG, on the subject “Making Your Own VHF and UHF Antenna”. Dan Tremolini, N2TXG, volunteered to present a talk on SDR dongles for an upcoming general membership meeting.

Hamfest – Tom Gorman, KE2ES, reminded members it would be held on September 14th at the 4-H grounds as it has in the past. He indicated the Boy Scouts would be providing food for sale. Al Arrison, KB2AYU, said he would provide Wayne Wilson, WA2LET, the printing layout for tickets at \$8 for general admission, \$7 for tailgating and \$10 for tables. Al provided details of ticket quantities ordered last year. Tom Gorman, KE2ES, indicated he would call vendors to confirm which ones planned to attend. Tom said Gene Wallace, N2IMK, would handle security for the hamfest and that Ken Newman, N2CQ, would send an email to an estimated 1,200 ham addresses. He indicated that set up would be required Saturday night at 6:30pm for moving tables and setting up the loudspeakers. Al Arrison suggested a schedule be set up identifying members who would provide supporting roles that day. Tom Gorman agreed to solicit support volunteers via Crosstalk. Tom also agreed to set up the PA system operation along with Michael Weldon, KB2UMJ. There was a short discussion about door prizes and the general consent was they had proven to be ineffective in materially increasing ticket sales. However, there was interest in providing a ham as a door prize.

Field Day – Mark Townsend, W2OCY, said he had received all logs from operating stations and was now in position to submit our log to the ARRL. He said that Tom Doeblner from the 4-H Association had offered to seek a permanent solution to the utility pole wiring issue by investigating underground placement.

Picnic – There was discussion about holding the annual picnic at the clubhouse this year and seeking Red Bank battlefield as the venue for 2015.

Membership Directory – Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, agreed to mail a disk with the information he had assembled thus far to Jim Wright, N2GXJ. Al Arrison, KB2AYU, suggested the directory be formatted into .XLS.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim Wright, N2GXJ, indicated Field Day photos provided to Jeff Garth, KC2 WCS, provided the necessary information to capture our weekend activities accurately. Jeff agreed to provide Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, with original copies of all photos.

Audit – Jim Wright, N2GXJ, indicated that Brian Jones, KD2BXD, who had previously agreed to perform the clubhouse refurbishment project audit, has now announced he will not. Ken Newman, N2CQ, has agreed to perform the audit instead.

NEW BUSINESS

John Zaruba announced the creation of a Facebook page for W2MMD. He said Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, had set up the account and turned it over to John who agreed to handle it on an ongoing basis.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheldon Parker, K2MEN