

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club
Board of Directors Meeting
October 15, 2014

The meeting was called to order by the President, Jim Wright, N2GXJ, at 7:00 pm at the Club House in Mullica Hill.

Board members in attendance were:

Jim Wright, N2GXJ
Cory Sickles, WA3UVV
Al Arrison, KB2AYU
Sheldon Parker, K2MEN
Dan Tremolini, N2TXG
Jeff Garth, KC2WCS
Dave MacDonald, WB3JOY
Chuck Colabrese, WA2TML

Guest, Bill Price, NJ2S

A reading of the September 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 September 17th was \$8,120 against expenses of \$4,892, netting \$3,227. Total for all account balances is \$15,697. Al noted that of the \$11,500 approved by the general membership for spending, trailer conversion expenditures reached only \$9,996. The treasurer's report was approved by the board members present.

New member applications:

Marc Wade Bennett passed tech, but no call yet
The application was unanimously approved by the Board.

Jim Wright, N2GXJ, sent thank you notes to those who provided support and donated items for the hamfest.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clubhouse – Al Arrison, KB2AYU, noted that outside exposed water feeds required protection from freezing before winter. Bill Price, NJ2S, indicated that heat wrap could be purchased by the foot and recommended Bob Durham, W2RAD, for the job. Bill estimated about 60-65 feet of heat wrap would be needed and agreed to coordinate purchase and installation with Al Arrison. Al also indicated he expects to complete the remaining skirting on the back of the trailer before winter. Al said modifications had been made to the wifi to improve service. Jim Wright, N2GXJ, indicated he had recently called Steve Smith, president of the 4-H Association, to address cutting and grading the irregular ground surface in front of the trailer (referred to as the “potato patch”) with no result yet. However, an unknown individual recently had mowed it.

Repeaters - Cory Sickles, WA3UVV obtained the Yaesu DR-1X repeater from the manufacturer and plans to install it next weekend for 2 meter use. The “old” Yaesu DR-1 beta model in use for almost a year would now be used for 440mhz. There was a brief discussion on disposition of the old analog repeaters with no action taken. Cory plans to explore grant monies which may be available if we decided to use them as backups at the clubhouse with an emergency generator. There was also some discussion about evaluating repeater antenna performance but it was generally agreed that new repeater installations would take priority and an antenna review could be pursued in the spring of 2015.

Club Activities – The foxhunt planned for Saturday, September 18th, was announced by Jim Wright, N2GXJ. Jeff Garth, KC2WCS, will be the fox using a 300mw transmitter. A public location will be used and the general area announced in advance.

Programs - Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, noted that our November general membership meeting topic would be the history and operation of WWV. December’s presentation would be Sky Warn.

Christmas Party – Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, reported that Phyllis Martin, W2PDB, had again agreed to coordinate the Christmas party. No further details were available.

Hospitality – Dave Macdonald, WB3JOY, reported several members planned to bring freshly baked goods to the next general membership meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Trailer Audit – Jim Wright, N2GXJ, reported that all unfinished items were provided to Ken Newman, N2CQ, who reviewed the information and provided an update. He said that expenses were below budget and that receipts supported all expenditures.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made and approved to redirect \$150 previously budgeted for the picnic (and unused) to the Christmas party planned for December. It would still remain within the Programs/Activities line item in the 2014 budget.

Supplementary heating – There was discussion about installing an additional heater in the main part of the trailer to handle especially cold weather. The Board reviewed installation and operational costs of a propane unit vs a 10 ft electric baseboard heater. The Board agreed that the electric baseboard option would best suit our needs.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Sheldon Parker, K2MEN