

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club
Meeting of the General Membership
July 1, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President, Jim Wright, N2GXJ, at 7:30 pm. 33 members and visitors were in attendance.

The minutes of the June 3, 2015 meeting were read and approved by the members present.

Treasurer's Report - Al Arrison, KB2AYU, reported the YTD inflow of \$2,464 against \$2,174 in regular budgeted expenditures resulting in a positive inflow of \$290. Total cash in all accounts is \$15,360. The report was approved by the members present.

COMMITTEES

Field Day – Ken Denson, WP2B, is working to finalize results. Even with the rainy weather, 20CW reported 753 contacts, 40 phone 411, 6 meter phone 120, and 40CW 190. Jim Wright, N2GXJ, offered a special thanks to Wayne Wilson, WA2LET, for food setup. He also recognized chef Frank Messick, W2FJM, for his efforts on the grill. Jim noted that Tom Lytle supervised the generator day and night to assure power was delivered during the entire 24 hour event. Several field day operators provided interesting details about happenings during the event. We learned the difference between water resistant and waterproof, how certain power supplies float in ankle deep water, and that particularly good conditions prevailed on 6 meters for a change.

Clubhouse – Al Arrison, KB2AYU, reported on damage had occurred during the June 23rd storm which created serious damage in the county creating 200,000+ power outages. He reported the skirting is complete except for minor trim in the back. He noted that Tech Saturday was still scheduled for July 4.

ARES/RACES - Tom Gorman, KE2ES, said planning for the Pope visit in September was underway. A meeting was scheduled at the Cooper Medical Center next Tuesday. He also reminded members to volunteer for the MS150 planned for Oct 3 & 4.

Hamfest – Sheldon Parker, K2MEN that all intermediate planning steps were completed and up to date. He noted that Gary Reed, N2QEE, would be performing VEC testing again this year and Dave Strout, W2YC, had agreed to again do DXCC check ins as well. He thanked Wayne Wilson, WA2LET, for his initiative in securing door prizes from MJF.

Picnic – It was noted the family picnic was still planned to be held at Red Bank Park on July 25th. Jennifer Robinson, KD2EYR, was coordinating the event.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Wright, N2GXJ, reported that W2MMD had received an IARU HF World Championship section win courtesy of Merrill Brown, WK2G who scored 387,000 points.

Jim Wright, N2GXJ, announced receipt of a letter from Michael Harla, N2MHO, thanking Gary Reed, N2QEE, John Zaruba, K2ZA, Ed Champion, W2RO, and Donna Reed, N2QED for conducting VEC training in Cumberland County.

Jim Wright, N2GXJ, noted the June 24th BOD meeting did not have a quorum, however, a special meeting was held on June 27th to approve the following members:

Jim Wright, N2GXJ, announced Dave Macdonald, WB3JOY, will again pay for W2MMD recognition on the MS150 T-shirts.

A motion was made to allocate \$1,500 outside the 2015 approved operating budget to purchase a new 2 Meter repeater antenna. During discussion, Ray Martin, W2RM, recommended raising the new antenna 10 feet. He offered to donate the materials necessary for the structure. The motion was approved by the members present.

Jim Wright, N2GXJ, announced with sadness, the sudden passing of long time club member Jim Mollica Jr, K2OWE.

Ray Martin, W2RM, suggested a meeting be held among members holding the Milt Goldman award. No action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm. The program for the evening was

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheldon Parker, K2MEN, Recording Secretary