

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club
Board of Directors Meeting
December 16, 2015

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

Board members in attendance were:

Jim Wright, N2GXJ
Al Arrison, KB2AYU
Sheldon Parker, K2MEN
Dan Tremolini, N2TXG
Jeff Garth, KC2WCS
John Zaruba, K2ZA
Chuck Colabrese, WA2TML

A reading of the November 25th board minutes was read and approved by the members present.

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Al Arrison, KB2AYU. Net inflow for the calendar year through December 16 was \$7,966 against expenditures of \$6,428, netting \$1,538. Total reported in all accounts was \$16,756. Al noted that cellular phone charges for security monitoring totaled almost \$300 for the year. He also reported that \$450 in 2016 dues had been collected so far. Al said that Brian Jones, KD2BXD, had begun the annual audit of the treasurer's records for 2015. The report was approved by a vote of the members present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget – Al Arrison, KB2AYU, said that 2 members at large were needed to prepare the 2016 budget and create a proposal for the January Board of Directors meeting. Jim Wright, N2GXJ, noted that prior year budgets focused on reoccurring (operational) items and suggested 2016 take the same direction. Chuck Colabrese, WA2TML, agreed, noting that capital expenditures should be handled separately as they had in the past. Jim also added that the traditional ARRL donation of \$200 should be approved by the Board and presented to an ARRL official when attending a GCARC event.

Publications – Jeff Garth, KC2WCS, asked members who may have taken holiday party photos to forward them to him for publication. Jeff also noted the subscription invoice for the website would be due in 2016 and should be considered for budgeting purposes. He will obtain the bill asap. He noted the deadline for articles proposed for the January issue of Crosstalk is December 20.

Clubhouse– Al Arrison, KB2AYU, reported the HF room was now ready for member operating. Bill Price, NJ2S, said he had replaced the malfunctioning security DVR and was hopeful that remote operation could be achieved next year. He said the propane heater had been purchased. Although not installed yet, it was in the meeting room at the clubhouse. Bill also explained that two steel plates were planned for installation onto the HF tower to protect from damage resulting from cable failure. One plate would be installed on the bottom of the first section and the second on the second section. Chuck Colabrese, WA2TML, addressed the issue of maintaining W2MMD QSO/QLS information electronically using Lotw. Ron Block, NR2B, noted that he maintains paper QSL cards only. Only EQSL logs had been uploaded electronically. Jim Wright, N2GXJ, asked for a proposal from clubhouse site operations for procedures that would address maintenance of electronic logs at the clubhouse and for uploading/downloading QSO information electronically to Lotw and eqsl. Bill Price donated an overhead projector for the clubhouse. Chuck inquired about electronic monitoring of the electricity use, specifically, how our use on the recently installed monitoring device compared to the electric bill. Al said he was not prepared to fully answer Chuck's inquiry at this time.

Constitution/Bylaws – Jim Wright, N2GXJ, promised to send Jeff Garth, KC2WCS, an electronic copy for publication.

Field Day – Jim Wright, N2GXJ, reported that no chairman had been appointed for 2016. Anyone with recommendations should contact him.

Fox Hunt – Jeff Garth, KC2WCS, plans to organize an event after the holidays.

Hamfest – Sheldon Parker, K2MEN and Bill Price, NJ2S agreed to chair the hamfest again for 2016. Al Arrison, KB2AYU, said he had been notified by the 4-H Association that event scheduling for 2016 had begun and that GCARC should reserve for the hamfest soon. Sheldon agreed to call the 4-H Association to secure a tentative September 11, 2016 date.

Programs – Jim Wright, N2GXJ, said that Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, had begun to prepare a list of general membership meeting programs for 2016. Jeff Garth, KC2WCS, said he would email Cory for the list for posting to the web site.

Repeater – Jim Wright, N2GXJ, discussed forming a new repeater committee to address Gary Bendy's report assessing the performance of our 2 mtr system and recommending modifications and equipment replacement. Jeff Garth, KC2WCS, posted Gary's report into Crosstalk. Jim noted that Gary generously offered to donate six new duplexer cans to replace the 4 currently in use. John Zaruba, K2ZA, offered to have the 4 old cans swept and adjusted. Jim noted several on site electrical issues needing attention and suggested a licensed electrician to perform the repairs.

Tech Saturday - John Zaruba, K2ZA, said the upcoming topic would be an open forum, entertaining questions posed by those attending.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim Wright, N2GXJ, reminded members that our nominee slate for the 2016 election to be held in December was complete and consisted of unopposed candidates.

NEW BUSINESS

The following member applications were received for review:

Roger Jordan	W4RFJ	
William Dennys	KD2DAO	
John O'Connell	K2QA	(Life membership)

The applications were approved by a vote of the members present.

Jim Wright, N2GXJ, inquired about the trailer insurance coverage which had been discussed prior to the meeting. Chuck Colabrese, WA2TML, said the insurer, Cumberland Insurance, had appraised the trailer at \$54,000 but our property coverage was for only \$25,000. He said an additional annual premium of \$85 would be required to increase our coverage. A motion was made and approved by the members present to appropriate and spend an additional \$85 for the additional property coverage.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheldon Parker, K2MEN