

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club
Meeting of the General Membership
May 4, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer, Al Arrison, at 7:30 pm. 26 members were in attendance.

The minutes of the April 6, 2016 meeting were read and approved by the members present.

Treasurer's Report - Al Arrison, KB2AYU, reported the YTD inflow of \$1,977 against \$876 in regular budgeted expenditures resulting in a positive inflow of \$1,101. Total cash in all accounts is \$17,015. Al noted that most members had submitted their dues but approximately 25 had not. The report was approved by a vote of the members present.

COMMITTEES

Clubhouse – Al Arrison, KB2AYU, thanked Frank Messick, W2FJM, who had done some extensive painting at the clubhouse. Al also noted he is moving to a new home and will be unavailable for clubhouse duties for a while. He said the clubhouse internet connection from his current home would be severed but that he would attempt to coordinate a replacement connection from the nearby home of Bob Demola, KD2GFL, if possible.

Field Day – Al Arrison, KB2AYU, reminded members that although most critical positions had been filled, 20 and 80 mtr phone band chairmen were still needed. Please contact him for details. He also said he was exploring extra bonus point possibilities.

Hamfest – Sheldon Parker, K2MEN, reported that planning for the Sept 11, 2016 event was on schedule. He is still waiting for responses to his emails to Skip Arey, N2EI, ARRL section Manager and Tom Abernathy, W3TOM, concerning the possibility of our hamfest adding “the Southern New Jersey Section Convention” to the title.

Crosstalk – Jeff Garth, KC2WCS, reminded members the article submission deadline for June would be May 20th.

Tech Saturday – John Zaruba, K2ZA, said the planned topic was “satellite operations” but discussion would not be limited to that topic. He encouraged members to attend and bring questions for open forum discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

Repeater – Al Arrison, KB2AYU, said he is waiting for the weather to cooperate in order to safely the new 2 mtr antenna at the water tower in Pitman. He hopes to have the installation complete by May 31. John Zaruba, K2ZA, said the Yaesu repeater needed a firmware update which he could perform while the antenna was being replaced.

Hamfest PA system – Michael Weldon, KB2UMJ, provided a detailed discussion on the technical aspects of the equipment purchased. He also set up the equipment for a demonstration and furnished a financial overview noting that purchases were under budget. Most items were used and in extremely good condition.

NEW BUSINESS

Harry Bryant, AA2WN, noted that the annual Museum Ships weekend event would be held on June 4 & 5, inviting members to contact the battleship NJ. He noted that details could be found on NJ2BB.org.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm. The program for the evening was "Digital voice and data communications" by John Zaruba, K2ZA.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheldon Parker, K2MEN