

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club
Meeting of the General Membership
June 1, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President, Jim Wright, N2GXJ, at 7:30 pm. 42 members were in attendance.

Jim welcomed the following guests:

Frank Maier	W2XDR?
David L Saul	KD2ITB
David E Saul	KB3YPW
Joe Di Bartolo	KC2SFB
Bob Nicotiera	KB2ERL

The minutes of the May 4, 2016 meeting were read and approved by the members present.

Treasurer's Report - Al Arrison, KB2AYU, reported the YTD inflow of \$1,977 against \$1,070 in regular budgeted expenditures resulting in a positive inflow of \$907. Total cash in all accounts is \$15,375. Al noted the PA system components had been paid for and were less than the \$1,100 member approved amount.

COMMITTEES

Clubhouse – Al Arrison, KB2AYU, discussed establishing an internet link between Bob Demola's, KD2GFL, home and the clubhouse. He discovered a large amount of foliage directly between Bob's house and the clubhouse, concluding it would probably not be possible to establish a successful link.

Repeater – Al Arrison, KB2AYU, said there had been so much rainy weather that an opportunity to schedule replacement of the 2 mtr antenna had not been possible. Jim Wright, N2GXJ, presented photos of the current antenna taken from on top of the water tower. The photos showed a dense population of antennas and detailed some of the corrosion and weather damage which would need attention. The 1.2 ghz antenna was leaning slightly.

Sunshine – Ray Martin, W2RM, reported that 3 get well cards had been sent out in April but none in May. He asked that anyone knowing of a member who was experiencing health related problems to please let him know.

Picnic – Jim Wright, N2GXJ, reported he would replace the picnic chairperson who had recently moved to Texas. The menu for the July 23rd event is pot luck.

Tech Saturday – John Zaruba, K2ZA, said that last month he held a discussion on D-Star. He encouraged members to bring open forum questions to the upcoming meeting scheduled for June 4. He said Ron Block, NR2B, planned to bring a spectrum analyzer which could be used to test member's personal equipment, noting some inexpensive HTs might need testing. Al Arrison, KB2AYU, suggested that equipment planned for use on field day be tested if possible.

Field Day – Jim Wright, N2GXJ, showed an ARRL map of the US which noted locations of FD stations who had registered for the event. This could help band managers position their antennas for maximum effectiveness. Al Arrison, KB2AYU, said he would confirm station locations at the 4-H fairgrounds for the event on June 25 & 26. Jim reminded members that water, soda and food would be available during the event. He noted the a GOTA station would allow supervised on air operation. Scout troop 9 from West Deptford was planning to participate as they had last year. A Glassboro scout troop had also been invited. Jim said that 80 mtr SSB had been held open for the Gloucester City ARC, but no confirmation had been received from them yet. Jim reviewed bonus point opportunities and reviewed station personnel assignments. Al noted that power would come from his battery powered truck with the club generator as backup. Jim noted there would be a circus planned at the 4-H fairgrounds at the same time.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Joe Di Bartolo, KC2SFB, representing the Philadelphia MS Society volunteers, thanked GCARC for their participation in prior years, noting that we were the largest group of volunteers from any ham radio club with almost 25 members. Joe provided a brief overview of the September 24-25 event hoped we could again provide a strong showing, possibly reaching 25 volunteers.

John Zaruba, K2ZA, said the Glassboro repeater would be connected to 30 Charlie for 24 hours of D-Star this Saturday.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm. The program for the evening was pizza and a swap meet.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheldon Parker, K2MEN