

# Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting

September 21, 2016

## Start

The meeting was called to order by President, Jim Wright (N2GXJ), at 7:05PM.

In attendance were

Chuck Colabrese, WA2TM

Jeff Grath, KC2WCS

Dan Tremolini, N2TXG

Bill Price, NJ2S

Al Arrison, KB2AYU

Mark Gottlieb, WA2DIY

John Zaruba, K2ZA

Ron Block, NR2B

Chuck Lanard, KD2EIB

Jim Wright, N2GXJ

The previous month's minutes were read by Ron Block (NR2B) and approved.

## Committees

### Finance

Al Arrison (KB2AYU) reported that the year-to-date income for budgeted items, including the Hamfest, was \$8,128 with expenses of \$3,266 leaving a positive cash flow of \$4,862. The balance for all accounts is \$18,717.

### Hamfest

This year's Hamfest went "extremely well" thanks to the efforts of Co-Chairs Sheldon Parker (K2MEN) and Bill Price (NJ2S) along with their support team. We sold 492 Gate tickets and had 42 Tailgate along with 41 Table vendors. This year's receipts were slightly better than the 2014 banner year with gross receipts of 5,356 less expenses of 1,630 yielding a net of 3,726.

Bill Price (NJ2S) reported that we received several compliments on the quality and coverage of the public address system.

Bill Price (NJ2S) also suggested that the absolute value of the Door Prize was not necessarily a strong attendance attractor and that next year's prize should be reduced in value.

Bill Price (NJ2S) further suggested that next year's date avoid the DX contest scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Separately, Bill Price (NJ2S) reported that the ARRL has requested that we host a ham convention as a part of our Hamfest. It would be known as the *ARRL South Jersey Regional Ham Convention* sponsored by GCARC. We would need a suitable place for talks. The Pole Barn was suggested. If we were to proceed with this augmentation, an application to the ARRL is required six months in advance. Bill's notes are attached.

#### Club House

Al Arrison (KB2AYU) pointed out that our latest insurance bill shows a \$50 premium increase over last year raising our annual cost to \$750.

Al Arrison (KB2AYU) suggested that it is time to begin the trailer winterization process.

In light of our high electric bills, Bill Price (NJ2S) has been able to get the electric meter replaced.

Bill Price (NJ2S) reported that the Club House alarm was triggered on the afternoon of September 8<sup>th</sup>. It appears that the last person out failed to completely close the door. He made several suggestions to improve the alarm system. They are attached.

#### Foxhunt

Jeff Garth (KC2WCS) reported that this fall's hidden transmitter *fox hunt* has been moved from Sunday to Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> to avoid a conflict with the Eagles game.

#### Programs

The program for the October General Membership Meeting will be presented by Urb LeJeune, (W1UL) on the topic of studying for amateur radio licensing exam using the *ham cram* method.

#### Nominations

The process of electing Club officers will formally commence with a report from the Nominating Committee at the October General Meeting. Currently the slate of candidates is not complete.

#### Repeater

Al Arrison (KB2AYU) reported that with the availability of a second climbing harness and cooler weather, the erection of the new 2M antenna is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> or October 5<sup>th</sup> depending on weather and personnel availability.

#### Old Business

Our renewal with the Pfeiffer Community Center for our General Membership Meetings on the first Wednesday of each month was submitted by Tom Gorman (KE2ES) on August 29<sup>th</sup>. As of this meeting we have not received a reply.

#### New Business

The following new member applications were approved by the board members present:

William DeCuzzi (KD2KZW)

Ralph Ditore (K2KIT)

Glenn Dougherty (N2YIO)

Harry Elwell (K2ATX), past member

Kayla Elwell (KC2WXQ)

David Wade (No call), Associate Member

It was agreed that those applicants who paid the full year's dues with their applications will be considered current through the end of 2017.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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Ron Block, NR2B

Corresponding Secretary