

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club
Board of Directors Meeting
August 20, 2014

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President, Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, at 7:00 pm at the Club House in Mullica Hill.

Board members in attendance were:

Cory Sickles, WA3UVV
Al Arrison, KB2AYU
Dan Tremolini, N2TXG
John Zaruba, K2ZA
Mark Townsend, W2OCY
Jeff Garth, KC2WCS
Dave MacDonald, WB3JOY
Chuck Colabrese, WA2TML

Guests:

Ken Newman, N2CQ (Audit Chair)
Tom Gorman, KE2ES (Hamfest Chair)
Jim Quinn, KD2JEQ (minutes)

A reading of the July 16th board minutes was done by Tom Gorman. The minutes were approved as read.

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Al Arrison, KB2AYU. Net inflow for the calendar year through July 20th was \$2,885 against expenses of \$1,868, netting \$1,017. Total for all account balances is \$13,982. The treasurer's report was approved by the board members present.

Cory Sickles made an announcement that Bart Conrad, KC2WVP is ill and that Ray Martin was sending a GCARC Get Well card to him. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Bart.

New member applications:

Patrick (Pat) Guilfooy	AB2HM	Extra Class	Woodbury Heights
John (Jay) Carroll	N2SVM	Extra Class	Malaga

The applications were unanimously approved by the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Field Day – Mark Townsend, W2OCY, said all logs have been submitted to the ARRL. Scores will be published. There was discussion why our GCARC score from 2013 was ~12,000 and our score for 2014 was ~8,000? Chuck, WA2TML suggested the decrease was due to propagation issues. Al Arrison asked for a breakdown of what bands/modes had the big decreases.

Hamfest – Tom Gorman, KE2ES, reminded members it would be held on September 14th at the 4-H grounds as it has in the past. Items discussed included:

- Tom Gorman reported tickets at \$8 for general admission, \$7 for tailgating and \$10 for tables have been ordered.
- The mailing list from Ken Newman is OK and on-track. Ken, N2CQ, would send an email to an estimated 1,200 ham addresses.
- The Hamfest flyer is up on the web.
- Charley, KC2STO was able to get a PowerPoint Slide announcement scheduled on the Comcast Public Access channel.
- Al Arrison suggested a schedule be set up identifying members who would provide supporting roles that day. Tom, KE2ES will be bringing a sign-up list to the September meeting.
- Tom also noted that Michael Weldon, KB2UMJ will set up the PA system.
- Bill Price said he would be lining (marking) spaces and helping with set-up.
- The group agreed that a Ham would be offered as a door prize and Jim Wright, N2GXJ will coordinate this prize.
- Cory Sickles suggested, and the group agreed, that a 50-50 raffle will be held the day of Hamfest. \$1/1 ticket, 11:30 AM award, winner must be present to collect prize.

Clubhouse/Finances – Ken, N2CQ was asked to present his interim audit report, most of which dealt with primarily with the clubhouse / trailer project. His findings are as follows:

- Quicken records (multiple versions) and receipts going back several years were reviewed.
- Al Arrison has done an exceptional job with accounting and recordkeeping.
- Major trends that were noted include; a) Hamfest revenue is up considerably from prior years and b) the expenses for the trailer project are below budget by approximately \$1,000 and are extremely well documented by receipts.

- Budget / Expense details for trailer project as follows:

Authorized by Board	\$ 10,500.00
Projected actual expenses	<u>(\$ 9,710.52)</u>
Favorable to Budget	\$ 789.48
<small>(~\$200 Additional Reimbursements Expected)</small>	

Major Expense Details:

Demolition	\$ 1,435.00
Moving	\$ 1,250.00
Bldg. Materials	\$ 1,888.00
Plumbing	\$ 1,001.00
Alarm	\$ 927.00
Electric	\$ 720.00
Food	\$ 470.00
Waste Removal	\$ 306.00
Gas/Fuel	\$ 256.00
Photos	\$ 41.00

- Cory Sickles thanked Ken Newman for doing such a thorough job on the audit and for the detailed reporting.
- The Board unanimously agreed that the trailer project was extremely successfully managed from a cost/budget/audit reporting point of view.
- To be able to foot out receipts and remain below budget was a phenomenal accomplishment.
- Special thanks were offered to Ray Martin, W2RM; Bill S, W4WCS; Bill Price, NJ2S, Al Arrison, KB2AYU and all the other members that contributed to the effort.
- Cory Sickles noted that it was a job well done by all.

Programs - Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, noted that our September general membership meeting topic would be provided by Dan, N2TXG, on the subject "SDR Radio Dongles". Dan Tremolini, N2TXG, volunteered to present a talk on SDR dongles. Dan has prepared a PowerPoint presentation on the subject and has also forwarded information to Jeff Garth for inclusion in the GCARC Newsletter.

Website – Jeff Garth, KC2WCS reports that things are on track for the new issue as articles are starting to come in. Jeff wishes to remind folks that submissions of reprints need permission to be obtained from the original author.

OLD BUSINESS

Chuck Colabrese, WA2TML reported that new badges were ordered and they are on their way.

NEW BUSINESS

John Zaruba announced that a Simulated Emergency Test (SET) the first weekend in October 3rd (noon) – October 5th (noon). All members are encouraged to get involved. John will be rolling out information in the near future. John also mentioned that a Winlink Deployment Handbook will be coming out soon. The book will detail the set up and use of this application during emergency/disaster events.

Bill Price mentioned that he plans on finishing up some final work including minor electrical projects (switches and etc.) He also suggested that the Club consider selling some older equipment in order to fund a legal limit antenna tuner (~\$600). There was discussion but no motion for action.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Quinn, KD2JEQ