

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club  
Board of Directors Meeting  
December 17, 2014

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

Board members in attendance were:

Cory Sickles, WA3UVV  
Al Arrison, KB2AYU  
Sheldon Parker, K2MEN  
Dan Tremolini, N2TXG  
Jeff Garth, KC2WCS  
Dave MacDonald, WB3JOY  
Chuck Colabrese, WA2TML  
John Zaruba, K2ZA  
Jim Wright, N2GXJ via phone

A reading of the November 19th board minutes was done by Sheldon Parker. The minutes were approved as read.

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Al Arrison, KB2AYU. Net inflow for the calendar year through December 17th was \$8,120 against expenses of \$5,271, netting \$2,848. Total for all account balances is \$15,197. Al noted that total investments and cash had fallen only \$541 from one year ago. This seems to be very good considering the impact of trailer refurbishment costs during 2014. The treasurer's report was approved by the board members present.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Crosstalk – Jeff Garth, KC2WCS, reminded members the publishing deadline was Saturday, December 20th. He also reported that web fees had been paid up to date.

Programs – Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, discussed possible topics for upcoming programs and mentioned how to program radios, cable routing/installations, and software. He also solicited ideas from the group. He noted that ARRL South Jersey section manager, Skip Arey, N2EI, was scheduled to speak at our February general membership meeting. Jim Wright, N2GXJ, said the JT-65 developer had earlier

planned to speak in February, but Jim was unable to confirm the engagement. John Dilks was scheduled for April.

Clubhouse – Al Arrison, KB2AYU, reported the satellite antennas had been set up and the VHF operating position installations were progressing. John Zaruba, K2ZA, noted that satellite operations would be a good topic for an upcoming tech Saturday session.

## OLD BUSINESS

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Jim Wright, N2GXJ, noted that 2014 had been a very good year. He pointed out that volunteering was good, clubhouse refurbishment had been completed and opened, field day and hamfest were very successful and we wrapped up the year with a very nice holiday party. He noted that our financial success was largely a result of a very successful hamfest, thanks to the direction of Tom Gorman, KE2ES, and participation by club members. He noted we will need a new hamfest chairman for 2015.

## NEW BUSINESS

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John Zaruba, K2ZA, indicated he wished to start a monthly “tech Saturday” to begin January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015. It would be intended to respond to technical interests and be a forum for responding to member technical questions. He plans to bring some homebrew rigs to the first meeting.

There was some discussion about the distribution of items donated to the club by Jeff Griffin, KB2M. Chuck Colabrese, WA2TML, noted that items had been picked up at Jeff’s Ocean View home, but was not aware of how they were distributed to club members or if they were still available somewhere. This prompted a discussion about club policy as it relates to donations for club members. Chuck agreed to ask Ron Block, NR2B, for his advice on drafting a club policy on the matter.

John Zaruba, K2ZA, suggested we create an acceptable use policy for the club reflector. John agreed to draft such a policy for the next meeting.

There was some discussion relating to membership participation and development. Cory Sickles, WA23UVV, suggested we reach out in some way to older members unable to attend meetings. He pointed out the club had approved 21 new members

during 2014. Cory also noted he received an inquiry from K5COW about our system fusion machine. He corresponded with him to provide our experiences.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheldon Parker, K2MEN