

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club
Board of Directors Meeting
January 21, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President, Jim Wright, N2GXJ, at 7:00pm at the Club House in Mullica Hill.

Board members in attendance were:

Jim Wright, N2GXJ
Cory Sickles, WA3UVV
Al Arrison, KB2AYU
Sheldon Parker, K2MEN
Dan Tremolini, N2TXG
Jeff Garth, KC2WCS
Chuck Colabrese, WA2TML
John Zaruba, K2ZA
Ron Block, NR2B
Mark Townsend, W2OCY

A reading of the December 17th 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 January 21st was \$608 against expenditures of \$0, netting \$608. Total for all account balances is \$15,743. The treasurer's report was approved by the board members present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Chairpersons – Jim Wright, N2GXJ, reviewed the committees and their respective chairpersons for 2015.

Clubhouse – Al Arrison, KB2AYU, indicated that after follow up on the bathroom freezing incident, he detected no damage. Bill Price, NJ2S, offered to help Al with ongoing clubhouse maintenance.

Repeater – Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, reported the 220 mhz machine was experiencing service interruptions during extremely cold weather. Although there had been no

physical visits to the site for evaluation, Chuck Colabrese, WA2TML, suggested a small incandescent light bulb be installed near the repeater in hopes it could resolve a problem that might be occurring in the radio itself. Cory noted that several other nearby clubs had ordered or installed Yaesu System Fusion repeaters.

Programs – Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, announced that Skip Arey, N2EI would host our February general membership meeting along with Steve Molo, KI4KWR from GigaParts. March was a surprise “big box” event. April would feature John Dilks, K2TQN, speaking about old radios and May would be Joe Taylor, K1JT, the JT65 developer. June’s meeting would feature pizza and an equipment swap session. July plans include a field day recap.

Publications - Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, indicated he had send emails to numerous clubs in Eastern PA, DE and Southern NJ relating to ARES/RACES.

Crosstalk – Jeff Garth, KC2WCS, reminded members the publishing deadline was January 22nd.

Hamfest – Sheldon Parker, K2MEN, announced he had prepared a detailed excel worksheet identifying steps and timing necessary to prepare for our September event. The Board agreed to establish a tentative date of September 13, 2015. They also agreed to maintain the same admission price structure as last year. \$8 gate entrance, \$7 for vendor outside tables and \$10 for pavilion tables. Sheldon and Bill Price, NJ2S agreed to contact major vendors to determine if there were any date conflicts.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Bylaws – Ron Block, NR2B, reviewed the bylaws and recommended we develop a “use policy” for equipment donations. Jim Wright, N2GXJ, noted we already have a requirement that trustees account for existing equipment. The wording “and accountable for accepting donations” would need to be added to the bylaws to meet Ron’s recommendation. Jim asked Ron to make the change and present it at the next general membership meeting for discussion and approval.

John Zaruba, K2ZA, presented an “acceptable use policy” draft as it relates to club member use of the reflector. After a minor adjustment, John agreed to revise his draft for review at the February Board meeting and subsequently to a later general membership meeting.

New Member applications:

David Demartino	N2YYZ
Ronald Schaffer	W2RES

The new members were approved by the Board.

Jeff Garth, KC2WCS, raised the issue of naming the clubhouse after a noted club member, Doug Ghering. There was discussion about evaluation of many other members who had made significant contributions to the club by naming rooms. A motion naming the HF room after Doug and the VHF room after John Fisher, K2JF, was defeated until further review of other members could be performed. As an alternative, John Zaruba, K2ZA, suggested a hall of fame list be established and posted in the clubhouse. There was discussion about coordinating this list with the Milt Goldman, W2MMD, award which is granted to living club members. John agreed to modify his recommendation to apply to deceased members only. The topic was tabled until a later meeting.

Budget – Jim Wright, N2GXJ, reviewed the 2015 proposed budget line by line together with Al Arrison, KB2AYU. After minor adjustment, the Board agreed to present the budget proposal to the general membership during the February 4th general membership meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Sheldon Parker, K2MEN