

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 18, 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  
Bill Price, NJ2S  
Bob Dimola, KD2GFL

A reading of the February 18th board minutes was done by Chuck Colabrese. The minutes were approved as read.

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Al Arrison, KB2AYU. Net inflow for the calendar year through March 18th was \$1,737 against expenditures of \$710, netting \$1,027. Total for all account balances is \$16,077. Al noted that most of the revenue had been generated from annual membership dues. He reported that 96 of the 132 listed members were paid with 36 unpaid remaining. He also alerted the board of unusually high electric charges for January and February which represented more than half the annually budgeted amount. Mark Townsend, W2OCY, offered to call Atlantic City Electric Company to investigate. There was some discussion about temperature monitoring devices but no action was taken. Bill Price, NJ2S, agreed to create a reminder to be posted near the door to turn down the heat when leaving. The treasurer's report was approved by the board members present.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Hamfest – Sheldon Parker, K2MEN, reported the annual 4-H contract had been received. The daily fee was \$1,100 which bundled services such as lighting and trash disposal which we had not previously used. This exceeded our \$875 budgeted amount by \$225. Jim Wright had spoken to Steve Smith, President of the 4-H Fair Association, several days ago about the unusually high increase from last year's \$875. Steve offered to credit our fee dollar for dollar (up to \$500) if we secured advertising for the annual 4-H fair publication. After some discussion, the Board agreed to request a media packet from the 4-H Association with plans to advertise the GCARC 2015 Hamfest. Al Arrison, KB2AYU, noticed the contract indicated it was for a "for profit" organization. Sheldon Parker, K2MEN, agreed to call Elaine at 4-H to determine if we could get a "non profit" contract which may have a lower rate. Al agreed to prepare a \$300 deposit check and the necessary insurance waiver as required by the 4-H Fair Association.

Crosstalk – Jeff Garth, KC2WCS, reminded members the publishing deadline was March 21st. He also reported that Walt Baldwin planned to offer ham radio equipment for sale at the next general membership meeting on behalf of a silent key. On another topic, he suggested we establish an operating policy for crosstalk which would require the corresponding secretary to contact the family of recent silent keys in order to gather information for recognition in Crosstalk.

Tech Saturday- John Zaruba, K2ZA, reported a light turnout for March. However, there was good discussion. He said he had posted pictures on the web site and suggested recording meeting activity and posting on our Facebook page.

Equipment – Bob Dimola, KD2GFL, reported that he and Al Arrison, KB2AYU, planned to complete an equipment inventory in the coming weeks.

Repeater – Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, reported the 440 mhz machine was not working. He had been very busy and unable to assess the issue. He said the machine is still under warranty. Since he was extremely busy with personal issues with no relief in sight, he suggested we consider transferring the repeater responsibility to another club member. He also noted that some time in the future we should consider changing PL tone protocol to DCS. This could be discussed at a general membership meeting.

Programs - Cory Sickles, WA3UVV, indicated programs were in the works through September and would announce details in the near future.

## OLD BUSINESS

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None.

## NEW BUSINESS

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Mark Townsend, W2OCY, said that Matt Werner, KD2HVJ, contacted him to solicit assistance with traffic direction for several bike races he would be coordinating in the coming months. He offered \$50 per day. It would not require radio communications capabilities. After a short discussion the board agreed this was not an event GCARC should be involved with. Club members could participate as individuals as they wished.

Jim Wright, N2GXJ, reminded members the Battleship NJ radio club had invited GCARC members to operate their station on April 26<sup>th</sup>. He also reported the Boy Scouts from troop 9 had again been invited to participate in our annual 2015 field day event. They accepted our invitation.

Jim Wright, N2GXJ, also reported that he and Merrill Brown, WK2G, had investigated GCARC's eqsl status to discover we had an account which was last updated in 2006. After determining how to sign in, they found 4,000 QSOs waiting for confirmation. He noted that Merrill had been participating in contests at the clubhouse using W2MMD and loading the results to eqsl. Merrill paid for an upgraded eqsl membership allowing us to design our own qsl card including graphics. Jim solicited design ideas and encouraged others to participate in contests on behalf of W2MMD.

### New Member applications:

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| Robert Saunders       | KC2UYS |
| Jonathan Pearce       | WB2MNF |
| Leroy Merino          |        |
| Bartlomiej Kleczynski | KD2GKS |
| Anthony Otlowski      | KD2GSM |

The new members were approved by the Board. Anthony was admitted as a junior member and Leroy an associate member, pending receipt of his ham radio license.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheldon Parker, K2MEN