

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting

June 15, 2016

Start

The meeting was chaired by President Jim Wright (N2GXJ) and started at 1902 Hours.

In attendance were

Chuck Colabrese, WA2TML
John Zaruba, K2ZA
Jeff Garth, KC2WCS
Dan Tremolini, N2TXG
Chuck Lanard, KD2EIB
Jim Wright, N2GXJ
Bill Price, NJ2S
Michael Weldon, KB2UMJ
Mark Gottlieb, WA2DIY
Ron Block, NR2B

The previous month's minutes were read by Chuck Lanard (KD2EIB) and approved.

There was no Treasurer's report due to Al Arrison's (KB2AYU) absence.

Committees

Field Day :

Boy Scout Troop 9 from West Deptford will have a radio station and camp site setup across the road behind the Club House. Although this is not formally a part of Club property, we do have written permission to use this "back area" during Field Day.

Boy Scout Troop 289 from Glassboro will be visiting and working on their Emergency Communications badge.

A circus will be operating in parallel with Field Day and is expected to be set up in the football area across the entrance road from the Club House. Because of this, the following items were discussed:

- The perimeter of the Club property should be marked with yellow caution tape in advance to the fair setup so that there will be minimal space conflict.
- All parking should be inside the Club property and not along the road as has been the case for some in previous years. This will help eliminate congestion along the roadway.
- Chuck Colabrese (WA2TML) will provide the information necessary to mark-out the underground electrical service.
- Sheldon Parker (K2MEN) requested that the public address system be setup for announcements. After a discussion, it was decided not to do that.

It is expected that the Club will have 6 to 8 stations on the air this year. Steps are being taken to maximize our score by taking advantage of most of the bonus items, specifically:

- Portable power (possibly from Al Arrison's (KB2AYU) car)
- Media publication
- Public Information table
- ARRL Bulletin copy

- Social media notification
- Safety officer/Elected official (to be determined)

We do not expect to take advantage of formal message handling or satellite QSO bonus points.

Repeater:

- Jim Wright (N2GXJ) sent a message to Gary Bendy to obtain a quote for installing the 2M antenna on top of the Pitman Water Tower.
- Independently, a possible make-it-happen date of Wednesday June 22nd was proposed for a work party to complete the 2M antenna installation. After much discussion centering around jumper length and connector types, the date was shifted to June 29th.
- After discussion, a motion was made and approved to place the 70CM repeater in *digital only mode* for an unspecified trial period. This is expected to be activated when the work party is performing the 2M antenna work.
- It was noted that Al Arrison (KB2AYU) now has the key for the 220 MHz repeater cabinet door.
- The status of the 1.2GHz repeater is unknown. An update from Al Arrison (KB2AYU) is needed.

Old Business

Picnic:

The Club picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 23rd. So far only two people have signed-up to bring side-dishes. During the discussion additional commitments were made.

New Business

A resignation letter was read by Jim Wright (N2GXJ) from Bob Fields (KC6AOH) indicating that he could not continue his duties as Recording Secretary for health reasons.

Dan Tremolini, (N2TXG) announced that he is working on a shirt design featuring a variation of the Club logo.

After some discussion, it was decided that this along with Michael Weldon (KB2UMJ) jacket design should be presented to the general membership at the next Club meeting.

Tech Saturday : John Zaruba (K2ZA) reported that there is no announced program for the upcoming Tech Saturday.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 20:35 Hours.

Respectfully submitted,



Ron Block, NR2B
Corresponding Secretary