

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting

July 20, 2016

Start

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Wright (N2GXJ) at 1902 Hours.

In attendance were

Chuck Colabrese, WA2TM
Jeff Garth, KC2WCS
Dan Tremolini, N2TXG
John Zaruba, K2ZA
Bill Price, NJ2S
Jim Wright, N2GXJ
Al Arrison, KB2AYU
Mark Gottlieb, WA2DIY
Ron Block, NR2B

The previous month's minutes were read by Al Arrison (KB2AYU) and approved.

Committees

Finance

Al Arrison (KB2AYU) reported that the year-to-date income for budgeted items was \$2,686 with expenses of \$1,726 leaving a positive cash flow of \$959. The balance for all accounts is \$15,402.

Clubhouse

The air conditioner in the VHF room needs to be replaced.
Frank Mayer (W2SDR) donated a weed whacker with a charger and two batteries.
The total Clubhouse related Field Day expenses were \$280.

Tech Saturday

John Zaruba (K2ZA) reported that the upcoming Tech Saturday will focus on QRP Portable Radio Operations

Repeater

Progress toward installing the new 2M antenna was delayed due to the availability of the team members. In the side discussion with Gray Bendy, he suggested raising the antenna by six feet. This creates issues regarding jumper cable length. Any progress will be based on discussions with Al Arrison (KB2AYU) after the Picnic.

The 70CM repeater was converted to all digital operation on July 15th by John Zaruba (K2ZA). A DCS board will be installed to allow remote re-cycling of the ac power in the event of a repeater lock-up. The Medical Coordinating Center of Cooper Hospital has offered to replace out the 220MHz repeater with a BridgeCom Systems BCR-220 analog only machine. This offer is contingent upon us continuing 220 MHz operations and allowing the Hospital to have emergency override usage. The Board authorized John Zaruba (K2ZA) to proceed and present the Memorandum of Understanding to the Board.

Programs

Jim Wright noted that there are budgeted funds available for general membership meeting speakers. Several speaker suggestions were discussed, specifically:

- Alan Walker (W2AEW), the author of “Scopes for Dopes,” to discuss his approach to radio repair
- Joe Ebberhard (N2CX) to discuss SWR Analyzers
- Jim Fischer to discuss Open Source for the Raspberry Pi

Old Business

Picnic

The Club picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 23rd. Jeff Garth (KC2WCS) volunteers to bring ice.

New Business

Membership Application

Gerald Blachniak’s (KD2KIA) application was reviewed and approved.

Clubhouse Internet

Mark Gottlieb (WA2DIY) proposal to use a device from Ting (ting.com) to provide internet communications for the Club House. After a rate and usage discussion it was decided to use the device on a trial basis through the end of the year with a cap on expenses of \$200.

Hamfest

Bill Price (NJ2S) advised the group that he was considering acquiring “Staff” shirts for the club member participants. These were beneficial last year in identifying club members and points of information and assistance. The price ranges from \$8.50 to \$10.50 depending on size. Bill also noted that there is an electrical outlet in the center of the field in front of the Clubhouse that could be hooked-up for ticket boot lighting.

Other

The Clubhouse door access code will be changed for the New Year.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2025 Hours.

Respectfully submitted,



Ron Block, NR2B
Corresponding Secretary