

**Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club**  
**Meeting of the General Membership**  
**September 6, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President, Harry Elwell, K2ATX, at 7:30 pm. 38 members were in attendance.

The minutes of the August 2, 2017 meeting were read and approved by the members present.

**Treasurer's Report** : Al Arrison, KB2AYU, reported the YTD inflow of \$2,836 against \$3,035 in regular budgeted expenditures resulting in a negative inflow of \$198. Total cash in all accounts is \$14,586.

## **COMMITTEES**

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**Clubhouse** : Al Arrison, KB2AYU, reported he had successfully tested the coax on the new antenna. All bands including 40 meters were working fine except 15. He plans to troubleshoot and repair 15 before lifting to the full height of the tower. Coax installation also needs to be completed.

**VEC** : Gary Reed, N2QEE, said that 4 candidates had attended last month's testing in Franklinville. 2 passed the Technician Class exam and 2 upgraded to the General Class. He noted that VEC testing would be held Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Clubhouse as part of the annual hamfest activities.

**Picnic** : Jennifer Robinson, KD2EYR, reminded members via email that our annual picnic which had been cancelled due to bad weather, has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am.

**Club Elections** : Harry Elwell, K2ATX, noted that 2018 elections would be coming up in a few months and that members should consider candidates to nominate for open positions.

**Hamfest** : Sheldon Parker, K2MEN, reported that all preparations for the upcoming Sept 10 hamfest were on schedule. He thanked the many members who had volunteered to support the event. He had spoken to most of the large vendors and received very positive feedback. A large contingent of vendors is expected. We do not know the impact of the new state convention status, however, additional gate tickets have been purchased, new signage prepared and special arrangements for the 4 new special presentations have been completed. (thanks, Ron Block NR2B and Chuck Colabrese WA2TML). He also recognized the efforts of Bob Fields, KC6AOH, who had secured more than \$500 in additional door prizes and sent several hundred emails with flyers and hamfest reminders to vendors and prior year attendees in late August and again the early September. Tony Otlowski, W2WCC, plans to run a special events station during the hamfest.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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Harry Elwell, K2ATX, welcomed new member Robin Hermann KD2LSH.

Tony Otlowski, W2WCC, announced that Bruce Canino, KD2LBU, had been recently appointed as the new County Coordinator for ARES.

Bob Fields, KC6AOH, read a list of the door prizes he obtained for the hamfest.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.

The program for the evening was Satellite design and communications presented by John Zaruba, K2ZA.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sheldon Parker, K2MEN