

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting Minutes Wednesday, June 2, 2021



Meeting opened @ 1936 Hours by President Tony Starr, K3TS with the Pledge of Allegiance. As previously announced, this will be our annual "Pizza Party".

Attendance :

- ◆ Members : 32 Plus 5 ZOOM attendees
- ◆ Visitors : 0

Welcome to New Member : Gary Kinney KC2ULS of Medford, NJ.

Minutes from the May General Membership Meeting were approved by vote.

Treasurer : Al Arrison KB2AYU reported YTD income of \$3850 and expenses of \$2040 for a net gain of \$1810. These amounts will change as projects are approved, in keeping with recent changes to the Bylaws. \$700 was spent for a new air conditioner that was installed at the Clubhouse, which includes a 3-year extended warranty. **Jim Clark KA2OSV** moved to accept, **Jon Pearce WB2MNF** seconded and the Treasurer's Report was approved by vote.

Clubhouse : Al Arrison KB2AYU reminded that much remains to be done. The shed has been cleaned out and Al hauled a truck load of junk to the dump. A bag of military style fiberglass masts belonging to **AB2E** must be picked up or they may be disposed of. Next projects will involve getting the HF rotator and coax repaired or replaced. Troubleshooting of the 4H bucket truck suggests a fuel pump problem. **Bill Price NJ2S** may be able to arrange loan of a bucket truck.

Committee Reports :

Field Day : Vinnie Sallustio N4NYY is looking for volunteers to assist with scoring bonus points and will email a request to the membership. Currently we need volunteers to handle :

- ◆ Media/Publicity
- ◆ Public Information Table
- ◆ Message to Section Manager
- ◆ General Message Handling
- ◆ Copying W1AW Bulletin
- ◆ Educational Activity
- ◆ Arranging visit of Official from Served Agency
- ◆ GOTA Station
- ◆ Field Day Youth
- ◆ Etc.

A Field Day meeting will be held after the next Board of Directors Meeting on Wednesday, June 16, 2021.

Hamfest : Sheldon Parker K2MEN reports that all is on track. ARRL has sanctioned this event and advertisement in QST has been approved. Other details, such as tickets and door prizes, will be addressed after Field Day.

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Contests : **Tony Starr K3TS** said he was able to work the WPX Contest over Memorial Day Weekend after all due to being trapped inside by the bad weather. There was a 20 meter opening to Japan on Sunday morning and each prefix counted as a multiplier.

Nets : **Jim Clark KA2OSV** said that 10 Meter Net check-ins have dropped off. This is now on Tuesday nights at 8 PM on 28.465 MHz with 28.475 MHz as alternate frequency if band openings should require a shift. Several nets continue to run on the 2 Meter W2MMD repeater : the SKYWARN Net is now at 7:30 PM on Sundays (formerly at 7:45 PM), followed by the GC-ARES/RACES Training Net at 8 PM. **Greg Ciraula W5DO** reminded everyone of the Digital Training Net run by **Gary Mirkin WA3SVW** on Mondays at 8 PM; currently, they are doing FT-8. **Steve Farney W2SEF** continues to run a net on Tuesdays at 11 AM and there is a Thursday evening RagChew net at 8 PM.

Raffle : A MFJ DSP unit was donated to the Club by **Wayne Wilson WA2LET**. Raffle tickets for this unit and the 50/50 will be sold during the Pizza break.

Old Business :

Anthony Cerami KD2RPI has become the project leader for repair of the Club's large, old emergency generator. So far, he has refurbished the carburetor and fuel pump. A radiator is available for salvage from an identical unit with a seized engine and several other parts necessary to get it running must be purchased. Total cost for parts is estimated to be \$447.24. In addition, we will need a new oil filter, antifreeze etc. and the Club may wish to purchase a more effective (quieter) muffler. There was some discussion as to whether the old radiator could be repaired as backup. **Jim Clark KA2OSV** moved to spend \$500 for purchase of parts, which was seconded by **Tom Litle AB2YG** and approved by vote.

New Business :

Herb Dyer KT2Y announced that the **City to Shore MS Bike Ride** will take place September 26 and 27, 2021. Hundreds of radio amateurs are requested to provide communications along the 150 mile (round trip) route. More information can be obtained by sending an email request to Herb.

Skunkworks : **Jon Pearce WB2MNF** showed slides to review the progress and upgrades to the W2MMD Clubhouse that have occurred since our last in-person general membership meeting more than a year ago. In brief : HEPA filters are installed, a new work project area has replaced a former junk area, major overhaul of HF room with copper grounding strips as part of the Lightning Protection Project under the leadership of **Ron Block NR2B**, Networking Cabinet relocated, Pi rack and wire rat nest relocated from underfoot to a neat cabinet, upgrades to WX and Satellite station, etc.

Karl Frank W2KBF announced that he is setting up a WinLink RMS (Radio Message Server) at his QTH and that he is planning to provide a WinLink Educational Activity during Field Day in order to score Bonus Points. Club members will be invited to send messages via WinLink in order to score additional bonus points for the Club.

Herb Dyer KT2Y won the 50/50 drawing and **Tom Litle AB2YG** won the MFJ DSP filter.

Meeting adjourned @ 2120 Hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Karl Frank, W2KBF, Recording Secretary