

# Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

### Wednesday, June 16, 2021



Meeting opened @ 1905 Hours by President Tony Starr, K3TS.

#### Attendance :

- President Tony Starr K3TS
- Treasurer Al Arrison KB2AYU
- Recording Secretary Karl Frank W2KBF
- Corresponding Secretary Ron Block NR2B
- Trustee Jim Wright N2GXJ
- Director Jeff Garth WB2ZBN
- Director Jim Clark KA2OSV
- Director Chuck Colabrese WA2TML
- Member Anthony Cerami KD2RPI
- Member Eric Morris N2BRJ
- Member John O'Connell K2QA
- Member Jon Pearce WB2MNF

**President Tony Starr K3TS** was pleased with the turnout at the recent General Membership/Pizza Night meeting at the **Pfeiffer Community Center** on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Minutes of the May 19<sup>th</sup> BoD Meeting were summarized by **Karl Frank W2KBF** and approved by the BoD.

**Treasurer's Report : Al Arrison KB2AYU** reported YTD : Income of \$3937, expenses of \$2195, net gain of \$1742. This includes budgeted expenses but not expenses from old projects prior to this year. The treasurer's report was approved by vote.

**Clubhouse : Al Arrison KB2AYU** inspected the HF tower (with broken rotator) and reports that the coaxial cables are twisted but DO NOT appear to be damaged. **Eric Morris N2BRJ** said he can come up with a replacement rotator for the Club, so Al will not need to swap in a spare rotator of his for temporary use. Rotator replacement can be done without a bucket truck and cables can be replaced later when a bucket truck is available.

**Al Arrison KB2AYU, Frank Romero N3PUU, and Anthony Cerami KD2RPI**, checked the 4H bucket truck and found that the electric fuel pump is not providing sufficient pressure. A replacement pump is estimated to cost \$250 and some discussion followed as to whether the Club should bear some of the repair expense, with the possibility of borrowing the 4H equipment in the future as needed vs simply renting a bucket truck, which could cost a few hundred dollars/day. (No decision taken).

**Technical Committee : Jon Pearce WB2MNF** reports that the Clubhouse Lightning Protection Project in the HF room is done for now and work in the VHF room will not start until Summer is over. **Frank Romero N3PUU** is preparing an itemized list of expenses, which may be lower than expected. The Solar Power Project has been providing all power necessary for the Skunkworks equipment recently - no draw from the commercial mains.

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**The Generator : Anthony Cerami KD2RPI** ordered mounts for the replacement radiator. The cost to repair the original radiator is high, around \$1000, so it is not worth pursuing. The Club does not have a transfer switch, which should be part of a future plan.

**Hamfest :** No update.

**Contests : Tony Starr K3TS** asked if anyone participated in the VHF contest. **Al Arrison KB2AYU** was in the Poconos with the Pack Rats and said conditions were not that good.

**10 Meter Net : Jim Clark KA2OSV** said it is still ongoing on Tuesday evenings.

**Old Business :**

**Toilet Replacement Project : Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** checked Home Depot and Lowes. Suitable brand-name replacements from Kohler and American Standard are available for \$199. Jeff was asked to submit a budget request for \$250 at the next General Membership Meeting.

**New Business :**

**Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** noted the umbrellas for the tables outside need to be replaced and will put together a proposal.

**Al KB2AYU** received two membership applications :

- Former member **Eugene Schoeberlein AA2YO** from West Deptford, NJ
- **Robert Baginski** (no call) from Pitman, NJ.

Both applications were approved.

**ZOOM Meetings :** Periscope has been "retired", so it was decided to continue use of ZOOM for General Membership Meetings. **John O'Connell K2QA** volunteered to bring the necessary equipment.

**Ron Block NR2B** requested feedback and approval for the article that he is preparing for submission to QST. Feedback and approval were positive.

**Jim Clark KA2OSV** noted that **SJRA** has sent out postcards to solicit membership and suggested that the Club might do the same. He will bring this up at the next General Membership Meeting.

**Tony Starr K3TS** closed the BoD meeting @ 2004 Hours. We went outside for a tour of the generator, led by **Anthony Cerami KD2RPI** and a Field Day discussion, led by **Vinnie Sallustio N4NYY**.

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
**Karl Frank W2KBF**  
**Recording Secretary**