

# Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting Minutes Wednesday, July 7, 2021



Meeting opened @ 1933 Hours by President Tony Starr, K3TS with the Pledge of Allegiance

## Attendance :

- Members : 27 plus 12 ZOOM attendees
- Visitors : 0

Minutes from the June General Membership Meeting were published previously in the CrossTalk and were approved without modification.

**Treasurer :** Al Arrison KB2AYU reported YTD Income of \$3,995 and Budgeted Expenses of \$2,439 for a net gain of \$1,556. Approximately \$4,000 is allocated for projects. Receipts for Field Day and Grounding Project Phase I are due. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

**Clubhouse :** Al Arrison KB2AYU reported that things are in good shape. The new air conditioner is working. The old rotator has been replaced with a loaner from Al; this remains to be tightened up but may be in service following Tech Saturday this weekend. Al noted that the old rotator was full of water, which drained out when it was removed.

**Field Day :** Vinnie Sallustio N4NYY called this "the best Field Day in years" even though there were a few minor issues with the wine festival and grass cutting. In addition to the great effort by the radio operators we had great support from those who prepared and provided food, Bonus Point volunteers, and the Setup/Takedown crews. Tony Starr K3TS noted the good planning and execution, which gave him time to circulate between stations.

**Technical Committee :** Jon Pearce WB2MNF reminded everyone of Tech Saturday this weekend. There will be several things to see and do including: the new Linear Amp, courtesy of John Hill W2HUV, a few satellite passes will occur between 10 AM and noon and images can be viewed from the GOES receiver. A solar panel that is under test has been producing enough power to run the Skunkworks Pi cabinet and will be hooked up to the cabinet at a later time. The VHF Room Lightening Protection Project is on hold until after Summer vacations. On a side note, Jon worked with Lenny Rust W2LJR on a setup that allowed Len to pick up ship locations using AIS when he visited the shore. See Len or Jon if you are interested in trying this.

**The Generator :** Anthony Cerami KD2RPI reported that restoration of the Kohler generator is basically complete and has turned receipts over to the Club. It fired right up when given fresh fuel and runs much more quietly with the new muffler. Some fine tuning still is required, e.g. voltage regulation.

**Winlink :** Karl Frank W2KBF said the VARA FM RMS W2KBF-10, that performed well via 2 Meter simplex during Field Day weekend, is not supporting connections over the W2MMD 2 Meter repeater, so this remains "a work in progress".

**DX and Contests :** Tony Starr K3TS noted that the IARU Radio Championship event will take place this weekend and NAQP is next month. The Bouvet Island DXpedition had been cancelled, but may be back on.

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**Hamfest : Sheldon Parker K2MEN** has solicited volunteers to help with the hamfest, arranged for announcement of the hamfest in QST, and has been in touch with **Section Manager Tom Preiser N2XW** to coordinate with ARRL. **Ron Block NR2B** is working on the Forums and said they are in good shape.

**Club Nets : Greg Ciraula W5DO** said the Tuesday Morning Net is still going and **Mary Delemarre W2TDS** said the Thursday Evening Rag Chew Net still takes place.

**Old Business : None**

**New Business :**

**Club Picnic : Jim Clark KA2OSV** asked about the annual Club picnic, which often takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in August. This will be discussed at the next BOD meeting.

**Vinnie Sallustio N4NYY** noted that we have 17 years (2038) left on our lease from the 4H and that perhaps the Club should start to think about purchasing land. **Chuck Colabrese WA2TML** pointed out that the lease does not specify which 2 acres are leased to us and that the 4H has attempted to relocate us before. After much discussion **Tony Starr K3TS** said this will be discussed at the next BOD Meeting.

**Clubhouse Toilet Replacement Project : Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** brought forth a proposal to upgrade the toilet in the Clubhouse with himself as designated leader, with a cost estimate of \$226.50 and a time frame for completion by the end of July. A budget of \$250 was approved by the membership for this project.

**Tony Starr K3TS** closed the business part of the meeting @ 2006 Hours.

**Post Meeting Notes :**

**Greg Ciraula W5DO** won the 50/50 and **Mary Delemarre W2TDS** won the Field Day shirt that had been donated by **Tom Preiser N2XW**.

**Jim Wright N2GXJ** concluded with a "Field Day Score Reveal". In 2020, W2MMD operated as 8A and submitted a score of 9,984. For 2021, W2MMD operated as 7A and the submitted Field Day score was 14,268. This included over 2000 bonus points. All US Sections and all 50 states were worked plus all but two sections in Canada. Field Day stickers were awarded to the Band Captains with the five highest scores.

**In order :**

1. **Sheldon Parker K2MEN (40M CW) - also a packet of Hot Sauce for his Hot Score ??**
2. **Tony Starr K3TS (20M CW)**
3. **Jim Clark KA2OSV (80M PH)**
4. **Darryl Neron AB2E (80M CW)**
5. **Vinnie Sallustio N4NYY (40M PH)**

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