

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 18, 2021



ZOOM meeting opened @ 1902 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
- Director Jeff Garth WB2ZBN
- Director Jim Clark KA2OSV
- Director Chuck Colabrese WA2TML
- Director Herb Dyer, KT2Y
- Director Bill Price, NJ2S
- Director Bob Durham, W2RAD
- Trustee Jim Wright, N2GXJ
- Member Frank Romeo, N3PUU
- Member Jon Pearce WB2MNF
- Member John Hill, W2HUV
- Member Lee Marino, N2LAM
- Member John O'Connell, K2QA
- Member Steve Farney, W2SEF
- Member Phil Nunzio, WA3RGY

Vice President **Jeffrey Welsh KD2AZI** was not in attendance, but **Tony Starr K3TS** has been in contact with him and Jeff has been working on obtaining door prizes for the hamfest.

The minutes of the last BoD meeting on July 21 were reviewed by **Karl Frank W2KBF** and approved without changes.

TREASURER : Alan Arrison KB2AYU reported YTD income of \$4,223 and expenses of \$3,424 for a net gain of \$800. The largest bill was \$332 for annual monitoring of the alarm. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

CLUBHOUSE : Alan Arrison KB2AYU noted that not much was going on due to Summer vacations. The grass under the picnic tables and at the right end of the trailer is becoming tall and needs to be mowed on a day when the temperature is not too high. Groundhogs are once again digging holes under the skirting of the trailer. There was some discussion as to how to get rid of them. A recent electric bill was over \$200 and Alan is using a Kill-A-Watt meter to measure power consumption from various devices, including the refrigerator. Alan wants to investigate the possible use of solar panels to reduce the monthly bills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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CONTESTS/DX : **Tony Starr K3TS** noted the WAE (Worked All Europe) was last weekend and the NA QSO Party (Phone) will take place this weekend. The 3Y0J DXpedition is back on, but a website is not yet available. **Vinnie Sallustio N4NYY** took a very good picture of the Field Day antennas and Tony will ask Vinnie to submit this to QST as a possible cover photo.

CLUB NETS : **Steven Farney W2SEF** had nine check-ins on the Tuesday Noon Net and said that the Monday Night Digital Net was "going great". Participation in the Thursday Evening Net has declined, probably due to Summer Vacations.

HAMFEST : **Sheldon Parker K2MEN** was not in attendance, but **Tony Starr K3TS** reiterated that **Jeffrey Welsh KD2AZI** was working to obtain door prizes. **Chuck Colabrese WA2TML** said that we will have help from VEs from other groups, so it will be possible to run a VE session at the Hamfest. **Ron Block NR2B** has lined up 3 speakers for the Forum, but FLEX Radio declined to send a speaker. They offered to do a presentation by remote, but that is not what we want. **John Hill W2HUV** suggested to Ron that he contact **Ria Jairam N2RJ** to speak on SDRs and Ron said he would do this. **Eric Morris N2BRJ** and **Harry Elwell K2ATX** are handling security this year and **Phil Nunzio WA3RGY** will take pictures.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE : **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** said not much has been happening lately due to Summer vacations. At the last Tech Saturday, **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** replaced the APRS 2 meter antenna with a multiband (2M/70cm/1.2 GHz) antenna so that, with a diplexer, we could run APRS on 2 meters and WinLink VARA FM on 440 MHz from a single antenna and feedline. Jonathan then worked with **Len Rust W2LJR**, **Marc Federici WM2Y** and **Jim Wright N2GXJ** to set up the W2MMD-3 WinLink Radio Message Server on 441.050 MHz. After that, **Karl Frank W2KBF** worked with Jonathan to optimize the Signalink interface for VARA FM operation. Jonathan wants to expand the Club's Winlink RMS to include 80 or 40 meters, but first will get together with **Ron Block NR2B** and his spectrum analyzer to investigate how much RF would get into a WinLink HF transceiver when the linear amplifier from the main W2MMD station is used.

Jonathan will not be able to attend the next General Membership Meeting on September 1, so **John O'Connell K2QA** will provide the Technical Committee report.

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS : None

OLD BUSINESS : None

NEW BUSINESS : None

Tony Starr K3TS closed the ZOOM Meeting @ 19:32 Hours.

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