

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 22, 2021



Meeting opened @ 1902 Hours by President Tony Starr, K3TS.

Attendance :

- President Tony Starr K3TS
- Treasurer Al Arrison KB2AYU
- Recording Secretary Karl Frank W2KBF
- Director Jeff Garth WB2ZBN
- Director Jim Clark KA2OSV
- Director Chuck Colabrese WA2TML
- Director Herb Dyer KT2Y
- Director Bill Price NJ2S
- Director Bob Durham W2RAD
- Member Frank Romeo N3PUU
- Member Jon Pearce WB2MNF

MINUTES : The minutes of the last BoD Meeting on August 18 were summarized by **Karl Frank W2KBF** and approved without changes.

MEMBERSHIP : **Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** received a membership application from **Robert Sincavage N3XUB**. This application was approved.

TREASURER : **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** reported the following YTD Budgeted Items :

- Income (including Hamfest) : \$11,125
- Expenses : \$5,878
- Net Gain : \$5,246

Other income (not budgeted) : \$700 from sale of amplifier, \$473 in cash donations at the Hamfest and \$400 donations by check. More donations may be sitting in our mailbox. Club member Brian Jones KD2BXD made a generous personal donation and arranged for a donation of \$1000 from the Elmer Bank. The gross proceeds from GoFundMe are approximately \$8658. These donations are recorded separately from other club funds under the category of Projects/Rebuilding.

Alan noted that net profit from the 2021 Hamfest was record-breaking : \$4270 this year whereas \$3740 was the previous high. There was some discussion that cars could slip past the gate without purchasing tickets. At the suggestion of **Jim Clark KA2OSV**, it was decided to relocate the gate forward next year, closer to the 4-H toll booth.

CLUBHOUSE : **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** thanked all who helped put the skirting back on the Clubhouse after the tornado and thanked Frank Romeo N3PUU in particular for helping to get the antennas off the rotator. Damage to the Clubhouse itself was minor and it did not move at all from the foundation. Alan is hoping to install some antennas this weekend such as an Alpha-Delta Dipole and a Triband Beam on a temporary mast for use over the winter.

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DX COMMITTEE : No Report

CONTEST COMMITTEE : **Tony Starr K3TS** reported that a few state QSO Parties were coming up, e.g. the PA QSO Party and that the CQ WW RTTY Contest is the weekend.

CLUB NETS : **Jim Clark KA2OSV** said that about 10 people are checking into the 10-meter Net. **Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** reported that the 2M nets are improving to record numbers. Also the Monday night Digital Training Net will return on Monday, October 4, 2021 as the “**The DigiNet**” and scheduled on a once a month net.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE : **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** is aware that the W2MMD-3 VARA FM WinLink Node on 441.050 MHz is not working as well as it did pre-Tornado, but other issues at the Club station are taking priority.

OLD BUSINESS : **Bill Price NJ2S** reminded everyone that the Clubhouse needs a new interior door, door frame, and screen door. **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** said that old projects such as this will require reauthorization of funds. **Tony Starr K3TS** said he would bring this up at the next General Membership Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS : **Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** relayed an inquiry from **Gary Reed N2QEE** as to whether or not the W2MMD Clubhouse could be used for VE Sessions because the Franklinville Library has not been available for some time. There was some concern as to whether or not accommodations could be made for handicapped access and snow removal. It was decided to offer use of the Clubhouse for VE sessions and **Tony Starr K3TS** thought we could resolve the other issues if and when necessary.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSIONS : **Jim Clark KA2OSV** passed around a postcard from the SJRA that solicited members, and suggested that GCARC might do the same. **Tony Starr K3TS** said the Nominating Committee was working on a slate for the open positions for 2022 to be presented at the October General Membership Meeting, at which time additional nominations can be accepted from the floor. **Bill Price NJ2S** proposed that a **Certificate of Appreciation** be sent to **David Paster AC2IQ** for repairing an amplifier, and **Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** agreed to prepare a Certificate for Tony to sign.

HF TOWER REPLACEMENT : **Tony Starr K3TS** became aware of a motorized, 72-foot tower that was for sale at the Hamfest and followed up with the owner. It is believed to be a HDX-472 made by US Tower and with a tilt-over base. It is possible that it may fit the existing concrete base from our damaged HF tower or can be adapted to fit. After much discussion **Herb Dyer KT2Y** worked with the BoD to obtain a consensus regarding cost of the worst-case scenario, i.e. if the tower would require pouring of a new concrete base.

The estimated costs are :

- \$3000 to purchase the tower
- \$600 to rent a truck
- \$4000 to pour a new concrete base (if necessary)
- \$1000 for incidental costs, e.g. digging a hole

Total Worst Case Estimated Cost is \$8600, which we have from GoFundMe alone.

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The BoD approved moving forward with this. **Tony Starr K3TS** and **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** will be joint Project Managers for the HF Tower Replacement Project and will present it for approval at the next General Membership Meeting. HF antennas and replacement of the VHF tower will be addressed at a different time.

The Meeting was adjourned @ 2034 Hours.

Respectfully Submitted

Karl Frank, W2KBF

GCARC Recording Secretary