

# Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

### Wednesday, December 8, 2021



President Tony Starr K3TS opened the meeting @ 1900 Hours.

#### Attendance :

- President Tony Starr K3TS
- Treasurer Alan 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
- Member Frank Romeo N3PUU
- Member John O'Connell K2QA
- Member Chris Prioli AD2CS

**MINUTES :** The minutes of the November BoD Meeting were summarized by **Karl Frank W2KBF** and approved without modification.

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

- Income : \$12,181
- Expenses : \$9,293
- Net gain : \$2,887

Total in all accounts includes donations of \$13,762, out of which \$6,862 has been spent.

An annual audit of the books is being conducted by **Jim Wright N2GXJ**.

A budget committee will need to be formed in early 2022.

Alan gave a check to **Chris Prioli AD2CS** for the licensing class booklets.

**CLUBHOUSE :** Alan Arrison KB2AYU noted that, while \$2,000 had been approved to purchase a rotator, these funds still are available since a rotator is being donated. This money can be put toward other tower expenses, including tools, lifting cable, paint, pulley bearings, welding expenses, etc. Alan will contact **Wayne Wilson WA2LET** to see if he or his son are available to work on tower welding. The beam antenna is expected to arrive within the next week or two. There is a plan to strip out the VHF room during the Winter and mount grounding strips to the walls. **Ron Block NR2B** suggested adding screening to the walls to create a Faraday cage and **Frank Romeo N3PUU** suggested adding an electrical subpanel.

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**MEMBERSHIP :** A total of six membership applications were received from :

- Beth Barnish KB2EAL, of Sicklerville, a returning member and 1990 Club President
- Jerry Barnish WB2CAK, of Sicklerville, a returning member
- Courtney Smith KD2SPJ, of Bridgeton
- Earl Moore KC2NCH, of Pitman
- Michael Resnick N2WOQ, of Vineland
- James Ticcino KD2PZQ, of Sewell, a returning member

All applications were approved.

**DX and CONTESTS :** **Tony Starr K3TS** said band conditions were "OK" for the 160 Meter Contest. The 10 Meter Contest is on for this upcoming weekend, but not much else for the rest of December.

**CLUB NETS :** **Jim Clark KA2OSV** had 8 check-ins on the last 10 Meter Net session. **Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** said the Tuesday Noon Net had 8 check-ins. **Chris Prioli AD2CS** said the Monday DigiNet and Thursday Ragchew Net had 9 and 10 participants, respectively.

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE :** **Frank Romeo N3PUU** said the W2MMD-3 VARA FM WinLink station is being tested on 2 Meters (145.030 MHz) and we are receiving good signal reports. A 40 Meter antenna has been set up for testing. The last Tech Saturday had 18 participants.

#### **OLD BUSINESS :**

**Tony Starr K3TS** checked with **Anthony Cerami KD2RPI** regarding the Club generator and was told that it has been winterized already.

A FRC member (**KQ3V**) has offered us a free 15-foot aluminum mast and Tony may pick this up for possible VHF use.

**Ron Block NR2B** reviewed the draft of a letter that will be sent to the 4H regarding our use of the Club Site on Field Day. Minor edits were suggested including :

1. Pointing out that Field Day is a nationally coordinated event and we are not free to change the date
2. Adding the year (2022) to the next Field Day date

Ron will incorporate these edits and send the letter within the next few days.

#### **NEW BUSINESS :**

**Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** noted that the next VE session will take place at the Clubhouse on Thursday at 7 pm.

**Chris Prioli AD2CS** relayed an inquiry from **Douglas Dersch KD2VQA** as to whether or not GCARC would consider purchase of an HRI-200 Wires-X Internet Connection Kit. This was discussed briefly, but we need more justification before giving this more serious consideration.

**LICENSE PREPARATION CLASSES :** **Chris Prioli AD2CS** said all is ready for the Technician, General and Amateur Extra Licensing Classes to begin in January. **Chuck Colabrese WA2TML, Gary Reed N2QEE** and **Jim Wright N2GXJ** will assist as instructors. **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** asked Chris to cancel a class if the weather is bad, in order to avoid slipping hazards from ice and snow.

**MISCELLANEOUS :** **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** finds that the coverage of our 2 Meter Repeater is not what it should be and will require some troubleshooting. It is known that the antenna has a high SWR and probably should be replaced.

**The meeting was adjourned @ 2000 Hours.**

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