

# Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 5, 2022



President Tony Starr K3TS opened the meeting @ 1930 Hours with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Attendance :

- Members : 16 members in-person, 25 members on ZOOM
- Visitors :
  - David Horvath, KB3RIJ
  - Dominick Cocciolone (nephew of Club Member Charlie Wahl KC2STO). Dominick is among those taking the Amateur Radio Test Prep Technician Course.

The minutes from the December General Meeting, as published in the Crosstalk, were approved.

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

- **Income : \$629**
- **Expenses : \$191** for electricity
- **Net Gain : \$437**

Total in all accounts includes donations for the rebuilding fund. The GoFundMe account has been closed since donations no longer were coming in. Of the \$13,872 rebuilding donations collected, \$6,862 has been spent, with \$7,010 remaining. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Alan will meet with **Tony Starr K3TS** and a few others to prepare the 2022 Budget.

**CLUBHOUSE : Alan Arrison KB2AYU** noted that the Clubhouse is in good shape but the new HF tower will require some work that will be postponed until Spring. The new HF beam antenna has arrived and is being stored at Alan's home. We will continue to work on the grounding project in the VHF room over the Winter.

**DX and CONTEST COMMITTEE : Tony Starr K3TS** reported that the NA CW QSO Party will take place on January 15<sup>th</sup> with the Phone Contest the following weekend and the 160 Meter CQ WW Contest at the end of January. Solar flux has been 90 to 120, permitting regular openings on 15 Meters and occasional openings on 10 Meters. Several DXpeditions are scheduled in the next few months.

**CLUB NETS : Jim Clark KA2OSV** had 12 check-ins for the 10 Meter Net that took place right after Christmas and 6 or 7 check-ins on the 2 Meter Net last night. **Chris Prioli AD2CS** reported 14 check-ins to the last noon time 2 Meter Net.

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE : Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** has been testing the modes VARA HF and PACTOR on 40 meters from the W2MMD-3 WinLink RMS Station at the Clubhouse. The W2MMD-3 VARA FM WinLink RMS has been operating on 145.030 MHz for the last few weeks and Jonathan is working to configure the WinLink RMS so that messages input locally via 2 Meters can be forwarded to a remote WinLink station via HF if we were to lose our local Internet connection to W2MMD-3.

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Tech Saturday will take place this coming Saturday, beginning at 9 AM.

**OLD BUSINESS : Jim Wright N2GXJ** completed the required Annual Treasury Audit, with no major findings, and submitted his report to **Tony Starr K3TS**.

**NEW BUSINESS : Tony Starr K3TS** noted that the current licensing classes run by **Chris Prioli AD2CS** have been well subscribed, and we will need to purchase at least 48 textbooks at a cost of \$10 each (previously, the membership had approved spending \$450 for 45 textbooks). The membership voted to increasing the spending limit to \$500. These costs will be more than recovered when students pay for the books. Chris noted the satisfaction he felt as students began to understand concepts, and looked as if a light bulb had gone off in their heads.

**Bob Keogh KD2NEC** participated in a recent ZOOM Conference with **Gloucester County OEM Coordinator Dennis McNulty**, during which **Lieutenant Stacy Lick** of the **County Prosecutor's Office** requested volunteers to help start up a new **Child Abduction Response Team (CART)** in the County. Bob noted this is a great opportunity to build a relationship between the County and GCARC. Bob will circulate an email to GCARC members to evaluate level of interest. If interest is sufficient, we could invite **Lieutenant Lick** to do a presentation for the Club.

**Karl Frank W2KBF** commented that, since Public Service is an important justification for the existence of Amateur Radio, it is important for us to respond to such requests from the County. Furthermore, CART should be of interest to both our younger Club members, who have small children at home, as well as to grandparents.

Following the meeting tonight, **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** will conduct an exercise, involving a series of questions and answers drawn from the Amateur Extra Class License pool.

**President Tony Starr K3TS closed the meeting @ 2008 Hours.**

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