

# Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club

## Board of Directors ZOOM Meeting Minutes

### Wednesday, January 19, 2022



President Tony Starr K3TS opened the meeting @ 1902 Hours.

#### Attendance :

- President Tony Starr K3TS
- Vice President Jon Pearce WB2MNF
- 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
- Director Bob Durham W2RAD
- Director Bill Price NJ2S
- Member Frank Romeo N3PUU
- Member John O'Connell K2QA
- Member John Zaruba Jr K2ZA
- Member Michael Pecorini K2MRP

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

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

- **Income : \$1,207**
- **Expenses : \$249**
- **Net gain : \$967**

Total in all accounts includes donations. The annual audit of the books has been completed by **Jim Wright N2GXJ** without significant findings. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

#### NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS :

- Dominick Cocciolone, Associate member (licensing class student)
- Robert DeBord, N2AFK (licensing class student)
- Keith Dreyer, Associate member (licensing class student)
- Paul Hart KD2WKL (licensing class student)
- Michael Thompson KG4JYA

All applications were approved.

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**CLUBHOUSE :** **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** reported that the Clubhouse is in good shape and is being used three nights each week for licensing classes. **Chuck Colabrese WA2TML** pointed out that the propane tank must be checked regularly because of the classes. **Ron Block NR2B** and **Frank Romeo N3PUU** replaced a circuit breaker that would trip whenever the HF linear amplifier was switched on.

**DX and CONTESTS :** **Tony Starr K3TS** is still looking for a DX Committee chair. The NAQP CW Contest took place last weekend and the NAQP Phone Contest is this coming weekend. **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** said the ARRL VHF Contest took place last weekend with Club members at their home stations contributing to an aggregate club score.

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE :** **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** reported that, while some tweaking is still needed, the W2MMD-3 VARA HF station is working well and is capable of forwarding WinLink traffic that is received locally by VHF to distant WinLink Radio Message Servers via 40 meters if our internet connection should fail. Jon will do a WinLink presentation at the next General Membership Meeting and at the next Tech Saturday Forum.

**Herb Dyer KT2Y** discussed some of the problems with the W2MMD 2 Meter Repeater. **John Zaruba Jr K2ZA** said that the signal from the 440 MHz repeater has been fluctuating too. **Tony Starr K3TS** wants to form a repeater committee to address these problems but not until the repeaters are checked by an expert with the appropriate test equipment. Tony will contact **Rick Connor WC2K** for help.

**OLD BUSINESS :** **Tony Starr K3TS** picked up a 15-foot aluminum mast that was offered to us by **KQ3V**. **Ron Block NR2B** sent a letter to the 4H regarding our need to use the Club Site during Field Day weekend but has not heard back.

**NEW BUSINESS :** The Budget Committee met last weekend and **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** reviewed the details, line by line. This is a balanced budget, i.e. the projected expenses are matched by the projected income. In brief, the 2022 budget of \$10,625 is slightly higher than the 2021 budget of \$10,235. The BoD accepted this budget, which Alan will present at the next General Membership Meeting for approval.

**Alan Arrison KB2AYU** and **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** introduced a proposal to set up two HF stations at the Clubhouse. Currently, the IC-7300 is set up for remote operation but sometimes the station is used by a local operator and left in such a way that remote operation is not possible. To solve this problem, the IC-7300 could be reserved for local operation only and a TS-480 could be dedicated to remote operation. Since the Club has only one set of antennas, local and remote users would use a scheduling app to determine which station could be on the air at a certain time. This idea along with a set of rules will be developed.

**John Zaruba Jr K2ZA** asked if use of the linear amplifier would expose local operators to levels of RF that are unsafe. **Frank Romeo N3PUU** ran a preliminary calculation, which did not suggest a problem and **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** said that he, Frank and **John O'Connell K2QA** would perform a more detailed analysis.

**Chuck WA2TML** thanked **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** for donating a TV and a laser printer to the Clubhouse. The TV has been more useful than the LCD projector during the licensing classes.

**The meeting was adjourned @ 2025 Hours.**

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