

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 16, 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 Bill Price NJ2S
- Trustee Jim Wright N2GXJ
- Member Frank Romeo N3PUU
- Member John O'Connell K2QA
- Member John Hill W2HUV

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

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS :

Jeff Garth WB2ZBN received the following applications :

- Jason Cobb, Associate from Bridgeton
- Leo Hafele KD2YPZ, General Class from Glassboro
- Louis Bonaventura III N2JXG, General Class from Sewell

All new member applications were approved.

The application from **Chris Prioli AD2CS** for Life Membership was approved.

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

- Income : \$2,086
- Expenses : \$521
- Net Gain : \$1,564
- Total in all accounts includes the rebuilding fund.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

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CLUBHOUSE : **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** reminded us that lots of work remains to be done and that the VHF room will be mostly off the air because of the Grounding Project. The level of propane has dropped to a reading of 42 (from a reading of 100 at the start of Winter).

CLUB NETS : **Jim Clark KA2OSV** reports 6 to 7 check-ins to the weekly 10 meter net. **Tony Starr K3TS** and **Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** said the Tuesday Noon Net and the Thursday Night Net has been receiving 8 to 10 check-ins.

DX and CONTESTS : **Tony Starr K3TS** reminded us of the ARRL CW contest that will take place this weekend. Also, rules for ARRL contests will change in June to permit self-spotting and use of social media for those participating in the ASSISTED class.

FIELD DAY : **Tony Starr K3TS** will ask **Field Day Chairman Vinnie Sallustio N4NYY** to give an update at the March 2nd General Membership Meeting.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE : **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** reported that the HF station is mostly reconfigured for local and remote operation, with the remote operation running on a new computer. The antenna switch is under manual control for now.

Recently, it was necessary for **Chris Prioli AD2CS** to reboot the EchoLink PC in order to resolve an EchoLink problem. **John O'Connell K2QA** has been working to migrate EchoLink from the old PC to a Raspberry Pi. EchoLink is running on a radio donated to the Club by **John Zaruba Jr K2ZA**. EchoLink will be hosted by **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** while the VHF room is out of service for the Grounding Project.

The program for the March 2, 2022 General Membership Meeting will be a Show and Tell of Amateur Radio-related equipment and the following Tech Saturday will be a demonstration of test equipment by **Chris Prioli AD2CS**.

HAMFEST : A decision was made to schedule the next GCARC Hamfest for Sunday, September 11, 2022. **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** will submit the necessary paperwork to the 4H in order to reserve the fairgrounds.

OLD BUSINESS : **Tony Starr K3TS** contacted **Rick Connor WC2K** about testing the repeater, but Rick has been too busy and recommended that we contact someone else. **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** and **Frank Romeo N3PUU** will visit the repeater site for a preliminary check once the weather improves. The Licensing classes are going well, only one person has dropped out of the Amateur Extra Class Licensing Course.

As requested, **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** prepared a list of "HF Operating Policies" for the newly reconfigured Club HF station. This list was sent already to BoD members. Jonathan will incorporate feedback from the BoD and will send it again to the BoD before it is published in The CrossTalk.

NEW BUSINESS : The BoD reviewed the terms of our lease from the 4H and decided to postpone indefinitely any discussion of purchasing land for a permanent site, since we still have 16 years to go on this lease.

Frank Romeo N3PUU suggested that GCARC form a new **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**. This will be an ad hoc committee, not requiring an amendment to the Club constitution. This was approved, with **Chris Prioli AD2CS** as chairman.

Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF reported that a 501(c)(3) public charity focused on obtaining equipment for the Clubhouse is being formed. More details will be available soon.

The meeting was adjourned @ 2054 Hours.

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