

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 2, 2022



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

ATTENDANCE :

- Members : 26 members in-person, 22 members on ZOOM
- Visitors : (None)

The minutes from the February 2, 2022 General Membership Meeting, as published in The CrossTalk, were approved.

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

- Income : \$2,242, mostly from dues
- Expenses : \$1,206
- Net Gain : \$1,036

A \$300 deposit was made to reserve the Fairgrounds for our Hamfest, which is scheduled for Sunday, September 11, 2022. At the time of the meeting, only about 75 members had renewed their memberships, so more dues payments are expected.

Total in all accounts does not include the rebuilding fund. There is approximately \$7,000 remaining in the rebuilding fund. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

CLUBHOUSE : Alan Arrison KB2AYU said the Clubhouse is in good shape. The VHF Grounding Project will begin soon and is to be completed before Field Day. Work parties for tower repair and other tasks will need to be organized as soon as warmer weather returns. The Kenwood TS-480 has been set up for remote access and John Hill W2HUV said it is ready for use. A cheat sheet will be posted with instructions as to how to switch antennas from local to remote use and back again.

DX and CONTEST COMMITTEE : Tony Starr K3TS noted that the ARRL DX SSB contest takes place this weekend on 160 - 10 meters, making it a good opportunity to work on DXCC.

CLUB NETS : No report was made.

REPEATERS : Herb Dyer KT2Y said the 442.100 MHz repeater had a problem and had to be shutdown. This is an old model from Yaesu that is no longer supported and Herb thinks it may need to be replaced. The 2 Meter repeater also has performance problems so a committee needs to be formed to address these repeater issues.

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FIELD DAY : Chairman **Vinnie Sallustio N4NYY** was not present but **Tony Starr K3TS** said that planning is underway.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: **Chris Prioli AD2CS** has been appointed as Chair of the new Education Committee. The licensing classes have been going well and Chris noted that the FCC has been issuing licenses quickly, sometimes on the day following the VE exam! The next round of licensing classes will begin during the week of April 4 but will be conducted by ZOOM in order to avoid interfering with the Grounding Project.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE : **Frank Romeo N3PUU** provided an update with **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** participating via ZOOM :

- ◆ The WinLink RMS station is up and running both on 2 Meters and HF, but is using borrowed radios. The Technical Committee is soliciting donations of CAT-controlled radios for permanent use at this station.
- ◆ As previously noted, the HF station can again be controlled by remote.
- ◆ The program for the March 5, 2022 Tech Saturday will be a demonstration of test equipment by **Chris Prioli, AD2CS.**

OLD BUSINESS : (None)

NEW BUSINESS : (None)

Following the meeting tonight, Club members will provide a show and tell of interesting ham radio-related equipment.

President Tony Starr K3TS closed the meeting @ 1955 Hours.

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