

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 18, 2022



Meeting opened @ 1950 Hours by President Tony Starr, K3TS following an informal discussion of the upcoming Field Day.

ATTENDANCE :

- ◆ President Tony Starr K3TS
- ◆ Treasurer Alan Arrison KB2AYU (via Zoom)
- ◆ Recording Secretary Karl Frank W2KBF
- ◆ Corresponding Secretary Ron Block NR2B
- ◆ Director Jim Clark KA2OSV
- ◆ Director Chuck Colabrese WA2TML
- ◆ Director Herb Dyer KT2Y
- ◆ Director Jeff Garth WB2ZBN (via Zoom)
- ◆ Member Frank Romeo N3PUU
- ◆ Member John O'Connell K2QA
- ◆ Member Chris Prioli AD2CS
- ◆ Member Vinnie Sallustio N4NYY

MINUTES : The minutes of the April BoD Meeting were approved.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS :

The following applications were received and approved :

- ◆ Henry Ammon KD2YZS (Pennsville)
- ◆ John Mostello KD2ZKP (Sewell)

TREASURER : Alan Arrison KB2AYU reported YTD Budgeted Items.

- ◆ Income : \$4339 (\$4140 from dues)
- ◆ Expenses : \$2523 for a net gain of \$1816

Total in all accounts includes the Rebuilding Fund. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Chris Prioli AD2CS noted that approximately 21 persons have not renewed. It was decided to remove these names from the Club roster.

CLUBHOUSE : Alan Arrison KB2AYU noted that Clubhouse maintenance has been deferred multiple times due to bad weather and the grass is getting high. The tower sections should be moved to permit mowing. Frank Romeo N3PUU has been in touch with people regarding tower welding and pulleys (see Technical Committee Report).

CLUB NETS : Jim Clark KA2OSV said that about 6 Club members have been checking in to the 10 Meter net lately.

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DX and CONTESTS : **Tony Starr K3TS** noted the recent good propagation to Europe, particularly on 20 meters in the evening. Upcoming events include WPX CW Contest on Memorial Day Weekend, the June VHF Contest and, of course, Field Day. **Vinnie Sallustio N4NYY** mentioned the ARRL International Digital Contest that is scheduled for the first weekend of June.

REPEATERS : **Herb Dyer KT2Y** reported that the 440 MHz repeater is still off the air for bench testing. The 220 MHz repeater has been rebooted and is working but the antenna needs to be checked and software needs to be updated.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE : **Chris Prioli AD2CS** said the licensing classes are going well. A few people have dropped out of the Technician class because they proceeded on their own to obtain licenses. Chris proposed a schedule for the next 4 rounds of licensing classes, beginning in September 2022 and ending in June 2023. The Digital Training Net run by **Gary Mirkin WA3SVW** will resume in October with training in FLDLGI followed by FT8.

Frank Romeo N3PUU suggested that the Education Committee should become a permanent standing committee. This would require an amendment to the Club Constitution.

HAMFEST : **Bill Price NJ2S** was not present but all appears to be on track.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE : **Frank Romeo N3PUU** reported on behalf of **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF**. Work continues on the VHF room. Frank has been in touch with a person in NNJ who does pulley work and has been in touch with **Christopher Kelly KC2PC** regarding tower welding. Frank's welding equipment will be suitable for this work but some cabling will be needed to power the welder.

FIELD DAY : **Vinnie Sallustio N4NYY** has not found an experienced captain for the 20 Meter phone station. A number of members have volunteered to bring food. **Chris Prioli AD2CS** reviewed the "Hospitality Checklist" from **Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** of things that need to be done at the Clubhouse in preparation for Field Day. We will have a meeting at 7 PM on Wednesday, June 22 at the Clubhouse for final Field Day planning.

OLD BUSINESS : The GCARC Grounding Project article, written by **Ron Block NR2B**, has gone to the printer and will appear soon in QST. **Chris Prioli AD2CS** noted that the Milt Goldman Award plaque is in need of updating and made a motion to have it updated. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS : **Vinnie Sallustio N4NYY** noted that the 4H once had an Amateur Radio club and that it might enhance our relationship with the 4H if we were to help them start up a new one. **Ron Block NR2B** will contact the 4H to explore this possibility. **Karl Frank W2KBF** would like a notice from the Club officers to remind the membership that impromptu field trips organized by Club members are NOT official Club activities unless approved at a Club meeting and are not covered by the Club liability insurance.

The meeting was adjourned @ 2052 Hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Karl Frank, W2KBF
Recording Secretary