Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Meeting opened @ 1904 Hours by President Tony Starr, K3TS.

ATTENDANCE:

- President Tony Starr K3TS
- ◆ Treasurer Alan Arrison KB2AYU
- 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 Michael Resnick N2WOQ

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

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS:

The following application was received and approved:

• David Swartout, KC3TGB, who has an Amateur Extra Class license and lives in Hockessin, DE.

TREASURER: Alan Arrison KB2AYU reported YTD Budgeted Items:

Income: \$4,430Expenses: \$2,782Net gain: \$1,648

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

CLUBHOUSE: Alan Arrison KB2AYU noted that welding and other repairs to the new HF tower have been completed by **Christopher Kelly KC2PC**. The tower now requires painting and new cables. The next Tech Saturday Forum on Saturday, July 9, 2022 will be a Work Saturday.

CLUB NETS: Chris Prioli AD2CS said we are averaging 10 check-ins on the Tuesday Noon Net and 13 on the Thursday Evening Net.

DX and CONTESTS: Tony Starr K3TS noted that solar flux has been over 140 and that 10 Meters has been open well into the evening.

REPEATERS: Herb Dyer KT2Y reported no changes. The 70 cm repeater has continued bench testing without failing.

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Chris Prioli AD2CS has submitted the schedule for the next four licensing classes to ARRL. The first will be in person at the Clubhouse on Monday, September 12, 2022 with possible participation via Zoom. Several new Volunteer Examiners have signed up to help **Gary Reed N2QEE** with the VE sessions.

Ron Block NR2B has written an amendment to the GCARC constitution to make permanent the Education Committee. This will require sponsorship by 15 members, publication in the CrossTalk and eventual approval at a General Membership Meeting. Chuck Colabrese WA2TML raised the question as to whether or not Club members may vote if attending a meeting via Zoom. The consensus was "YES", voting may take place via Zoom. The Club currently has a "Repeater Business Committee". There no longer is a need for this committee (which has no members) so it will be deleted.

HAMFEST: No report.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: Tony Starr K3TS received an offer to donate a C-band satellite dish to the Club and referred this to the Technical Committee. Frank Romeo N3PUU said we should accept this offer.

FIELD DAY: Tony Starr K3TS noted that we will have a meeting @ 1900 Hours on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at the Clubhouse that is primarily for Band Captains. We still lack a 20 Meter Phone Captain. We have received permission to use the back field again. Ron Block NR2B has sent out press releases for Publicity and Jeff Garth WB2ZBN will post information to our Facebook page. Updates will be needed to score Social Media points. Michael Resnick N2WOQ, Chris Prioli AD2CS and Ron Block NR2B are continuing outreach to media.

OLD BUSINESS: Ron Block NR2B has made some effort to clarify the boundary of the 2-acre area that GCARC leases from the 4H, which could be addressed in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). However, the BoD sees some benefit to leaving the boundaries loosely defined. It was decided to table any further discussion of this issue until after Field Day. Ron pointed to the need to clarify the area of grass that we are responsible to have mowed. One possible solution is to have the grass mowed by the same people that handle this for the 4H. Ron will contact the 4H property manager, **Jennifer Coles**, to find out what this would cost.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

The meeting was adjourned @ 2022 Hours.

Respectfully submitted, Karl Frank, W2KBF Recording Secretary

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