

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 6, 2022



The meeting opened @ 1933 Hours by President Tony Starr K3TS with the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

ATTENDANCE :

- In person : 16
- ZOOM : 15

GUESTS : None

NEW MEMBERS : None

The minutes from the June General Meeting, as published in The Crosstalk, were approved.

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

- Income : \$4,458
- Expenses : \$3,093
- Net Gain : \$1,365

Alan is looking to collect any outstanding Field Day receipts. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

CLUBHOUSE : Alan Arrison KB2AYU noted that the Clubhouse was in good shape following Field Day and had been kept clean thanks to the efforts of **Chris Prioli AD2CS** and his helpers. Work on the VHF room will resume shortly. Alan finished spray painting the new HF tower. The next step will be to make new cables for raising and lowering the tower.

CLUB NETS : Steve Farney W2SEF reported an average of 11 check-ins to the Tuesday Noon 2 Meter Nets and an average of 13 to the Thursday Evening 2 Meter Nets. **Jim Clark KA2OSV** reported 4 check-ins to the most recent 10 Meter Net and 7 the week before that.

DX and CONTEST COMMITTEE : Tony Starr K3TS said that the bands were open for DX and he was called by DX stations while operating K2I during the 13 Colonies event. The IARU HF Championship event is coming up this weekend.

REPEATERS : Alan Arrison KB2AYU is gathering connectors and cables to replace the questionable jumpers at the repeater site later this month. The 70 CM repeater is still undergoing bench testing.

EDUCATION : Chris Prioli AD2CS noted that the licensing classes are taking a break for the summer, but he has been receiving email expressing interest. The class schedule has been sent to ARRL but not yet posted on that website.

FIELD DAY : Tony Starr K3TS summarized the recent Field Day as having good food, good weather, good fun and no injuries or equipment damage. The number of QSOs seemed lower than last year, possible because of the 100-watt power restriction and the possibility that more people were operating from their home stations. **Jim Wright N2GXJ** will provide a more complete Field Day summary next month but commented that W2MMD worked all 50 states plus the ISS!

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Tony presented **Chris Prioli AD2CS** with a Field Day pin and notebook in recognition of the excellent work Chris has done to support Field Day and CrossTalk while **Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** was under the weather.

HAMFEST : Tony Starr K3TS receive an email from **Sheldon Parker K2MEN** stating that planning is going well.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE : Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF said :

- Instead of Tech Saturday, next Saturday will be a Work Saturday (if weather permits)
- In particular, the Clubhouse steps and shed need repainting
- The topic for the August Tech Saturday may be How to Use a Nano VNA

OLD BUSINESS :

Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF provided grant application updates :

- An application was submitted to the ARRL foundation (as a 501(c)4) to fund a replacement VHF tower and antennas (things located OUTSIDE of the Clubhouse)
- An application to purchase VHF equipment was submitted in April to the ARDC by the Gloucester County Amateur Radio Foundation, the 501(c)(3) affiliate of the Club. This now has been approved and a check for \$11,148 was received
- These funds are intended to purchase a FLEX 6400, power amplifiers and preamplifiers for VHF and UHF work

NEW BUSINESS :

Ron Block NR2B provided the first reading of a proposed amendment to the GCARC Constitution, which would elevate the Education Committee from an ad hoc status to become a permanent standing committee. This proposed amendment has been published already in The CrossTalk and will be read again at the next General Membership Meeting prior to voting.

Jim Clark KA2OSV asked if there was any interest in having a Club Picnic this year. It was decided to target the first Sunday in August and Jim will poll the membership using the Club's email reflector to gauge the level of interest and find out who is available to organize this event.

MISCELLANEOUS :

Beth Barnish KB2EAL asked about the lease agreement between GCARC and 4H. **Tony Starr K3TS** pointed out that the lease is good for another 15 years so no action is needed at this time.

There is no formal program tonight but we will have PIZZA following the meeting.

President Tony Starr K3TS closed the meeting @ 2007 Hours.

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