

# Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

### Wednesday, July 20, 2022



Meeting opened @ 1901 Hours by President Tony Starr K3TS.

#### ATTENDANCE :

- President Tony Starr K3TS
- Vice President Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF
- Treasurer Alan Arrison KB2AYU
- Recording Secretary Karl Frank W2KBF
- Corresponding Secretary Ron Block NR2B
- Director Jim Clark KA2OSV
- Director Chuck Colabrese WA2TML (via ZOOM)
- Director Herb Dyer KT2Y
- Director Jeff Garth WB2ZBN (via ZOOM)
- Director Bill Price NJ2S
- Trustee Jim Wright N2GXJ
- Member Frank Romeo N3PUU
- Member John O'Connell K2QA
- Member Chris Prioli AD2CS
- Member Michael Resnick N2WOQ

**MINUTES :** The minutes of the June BoD Meeting were approved.

#### NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS :

The following application was received and approved :

- **Stanley Slachetka WA2JRZ**, who has an Advanced Class license and lives in Woodbury Heights, NJ.

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

- Income : \$4,510
- Expenses : \$3,088
- Net gain : \$1,421

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

**CLUBHOUSE :** Alan Arrison KB2AYU reported that several new lift cables have been made for the new HF tower. Also a 10-foot mast and new thrust bearing have been picked up. We hope to have the HF tower up by the Hamfest at the latest. The shed was painted during the work party last weekend but the back steps were wet and cannot be painted until they dry out.

**CLUB NETS :** Chris Prioli AD2CS said there were 17 check-ins to the most recent Tuesday Noon Net and 10 for the Thursday Evening Net. Jim Clark KA2OSV had 4 check-ins for the most recent 10 Meter Net.

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**DX and CONTESTS :** **Tony Starr K3TS** noted that solar flux has been up to 174 recently and currently is around 160. The CW NAQP will take place August 6 and the Phone NAQP on August 20.

**REPEATERS :** **Tony Starr K3TS** picked up some 3/8" Andrew heliac that can be used as a jumper for the 2 Meter repeater plus a 40 foot and 80 foot section. **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** and **Frank Romeo N3PUU** noted that a visit to the repeater site, to restore the 440 repeater, will depend upon both cooler weather and should be coordinated with **John Zaruba K2ZA** because software updates are needed.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE :** **Chris Prioli AD2CS** announced that future licensing classes will cost \$30. Also, the Digi Net needs suggestions for future topics so **Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** was asked to place a note in the CrossTalk.

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE :** **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** said the WinLink RMS has been getting connections on both 2 and 40 Meters. The 2 Meter station is being upgraded to support Packet in addition to VARA FM. The QSL card from the ARISS contact during Field Day has been framed and is mounted on the Clubhouse wall. The C-band satellite dish that had been offered to the Club was accidentally destroyed before we took possession so we are looking for another one.

**FIELD DAY :** **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** will ask Field Day Chairman **Vinnie Sallustio N4NYY** to provide a summary of the recent Field Day at the August 3<sup>rd</sup> General Membership Meeting. Band Captains will be asked to provide brief comments and **Jim Wright N2GXJ** will announce our claimed score. **Ron Block NR2B** has been in touch with 4H Property Manager **Jennifer Coles** and commented that the 4H had no problems with the way Field Day was conducted this year.

**HAMFEST :** **Bill Price NJ2S** has been in touch with Boy Scout Troop 9 (West Deptford), which is handling the food, and confirms that they will arrive the evening before the Hamfest to begin their setup. **Ron Block NR2B** will check with **Jennifer Coles** to make certain that it is OK for setup to begin at 6 PM on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> and if the Clubhouse can be left open overnight for bathroom access. As discussed previously, the ticket gate will be moved forward as the single point for purchase of tickets. Club members are needed to help run the Hamfest and those that volunteer will be offered free admission. Any other perks are to be decided by Hamfest Chair **Sheldon Parker K2MEN**. **Ron Block NR2B** will provide passes to our guest speakers.

**Chuck Colabrese WA2TML** said the VE session will start at 9 AM in the Clubhouse and may run until 11 AM and possibly later. Following the VE session **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** would like to offer tours of the Clubhouse at Noon to show, among other things, progress with the HF room and Grounding Project.

**OLD BUSINESS :** **Ron Block NR2B** presented a proposal that would define the boundaries of the 2-acre area that GCARC leases from the 4H. However, the BoD decided against adopting this proposal. Ron has contacted the 4H Property Manager regarding the possibility of having the 4H take over grass mowing and is awaiting a response.

**NEW BUSINESS : Herb Dyer KT2Y** would like GCARC members to know about the MS150 City to Shore event on September 24 and 25 but the email reflector has been rejecting his email. He forwarded the information to **Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** to disseminate to the Club members. **Jim Clark KA2OSV** received only 6 positive responses to holding a Club picnic, and none have volunteered to organize the event. Jim will send out an email notice cancelling this event.

In view of his work to support the Club, **Chris Prioli AD2CS** was nominated by **Jim Clark KA2OSV** to receive a Certificate of Appreciation. This was approved by vote.

Chris proposed to learn more about the skill sets present among Club members that may be useful to the Club. **Tony Starr K3TS** approved this idea so Chris will send a survey via the Club email reflector.

**The meeting was adjourned @ 2046 Hours.**

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