

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 17, 2022



Meeting opened @ 1909 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
- Director Jeff Garth WB2ZBN (via ZOOM)
- Member John Hill W2HUV
- Member Frank Romeo N3PUU (via ZOOM)
- Member John O'Connell K2QA (via ZOOM)
- Member Chris Prioli AD2CS
- Member Lee Marino N2LAM

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

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS :

The following applications was received and approved :

- **James Schreckenbach, KC3CXU**, who has a Technician Class license and lives in Clementon, NJ.
- **John Borelli Jr, KD2ZXP**, who has a Technician Class license and lives in Malaga, NJ.

TREASURER : Alan Arrison KB2AYU reported YTD Budgeted Items :

- Income : \$4,628
- Expenses : \$3,451
- Net gain : \$1,177

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

CLUBHOUSE : Alan Arrison KB2AYU reported that several items have arrived, including a Yaesu 2800 rotator, cables and Green Heron rotator control. Other items including antenna switches, coax etc. are on order. The new HF beam antenna will be assembled soon. Parts of the hand rails for the front steps remain to be painted and **Chris Prioli AD2CS** said he would take care of this.

CLUB NETS : Chris Prioli AD2CS said we average 10 check-ins for the Tuesday Noon and Thursday Evening Nets. **Jim Clark KA2OSV** had 3 check-ins for the most recent 10 Meter Net and 9 the week before that.

DX and CONTESTS : Tony Starr K3TS noted that solar flux has been up to 130 recently and the MUF has been around 21 MHz during the day. The NAQP Phone Contest will take place this weekend and **John Hill W2HUV** commented that the European Digital Contest will take place during the last week of August.

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REPEATERS : No report (waiting for cooler weather).

EDUCATION COMMITTEE : **Chris Prioli AD2CS** has ordered books for the upcoming licensing classes and could use help with the Technician Class, since **Gary Reed N2QEE** will not be available. Chris noted that the remote station has been receiving use from 3 recent course graduates and new Club members, which is good to see.

HAMFEST : **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** is working on handouts for Hamfest visitors that will invite them to tour the Clubhouse. **Tony Starr K3TS** will ask **Bill Price NJ2S** to find out if the Boy Scouts can help distribute these handouts. **Jim Clark KA2OSV** reminded the Treasurer that he will need small bills for change at the ticket booth.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE : **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** said the most recent Tech Saturday was a great success, with over 15 people pooling knowledge concerning the use of Nano VNAs. The presentation following the September General Membership Meeting will concern Digital Networking and the September Tech Saturday will NOT be rescheduled (even though it will be on the day before the Hamfest) but will be a work session focusing on 2 Meter Digital Modes. Jonathan is working on the possibility of recording Tech Saturday sessions and Hamfest Talks for later uploading to YouTube. Jonathan will be away for the October Tech Saturday but will check with **Anthony Cerami N2OAC** to see if he can arrange a tour of the RCA Heritage Museum at Rowan University. As previously reported, the GCARC Grant Application to ARDC was funded and, furthermore, was so well received that ARDC would like to use it as a model for other applicants! We still await the decision from ARRL on the application for \$25k to fund the VHF tower. A decision is expected in September.

OLD BUSINESS : **Chuck Colabrese WA2TML** asked if there has been any clarification regarding grass mowing in our area. We know that the 4-H has declined to take care of this. **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** has not heard back from the person who has been mowing, so the matter still is unresolved. **Ron Block NR2B** circulated the current, recently-revised Constitution.

NEW BUSINESS : **Tony Starr K3TS** will be convening a Nominating Committee, probably by Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned @ 2012 Hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karl Frank W2KBF,
GCARC Recording Secretary