

# Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

### Wednesday, September 21, 2022



Meeting opened @ 1905 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
- Director Herb Dyer, KT2Y
- Trustee Jim Wright, N2GXJ
- Member Frank Romeo N3PUU
- Member John O'Connell K2QA
- Member Chris Prioli AD2CS

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

#### NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS :

The following applications were received and approved :

- Timothy Furey (No call) of Mullica Hill, NJ
- Alex Rodriguez KE2AAK of Sewell, NJ
- Randy Testa (No call) of Havertown, PA
- Teng Xu KE8BII of Newark, DE

**TREASURER :** Alan Arrison KB2AYU reported YTD Budgeted Items (including Hamfest) :

- Income : \$9,933
- Expenses : \$6,005
- Net Gain : \$3,927

Profit from the Hamfest was a bit less than in recent years, perhaps due to the weather forecast. Of the \$14,000 in donations received for the Rebuilding Fund, \$3,000 has been spent on the tower itself, \$3,600 on the antenna and about \$3,000 on parts (coax, switches, cables etc.) leaving approximately \$4,000 for the VHF station. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

**CLUBHOUSE :** Alan Arrison KB2AYU reported the following progress :

- The rotator for the new beam has been hooked up.
- New coax has been run and antenna switches are partially installed.

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It may be possible to disconnect the temporary tower trailer this weekend and get back to working on the VHF room. **Jim Wright N2GXJ** suggested the VHF contest in January as a time frame for completion of the VHF Room.

**CLUB NETS : Chris Prioli AD2CS** reported 13 check-ins for the most recent Tuesday Noon Net. **Jim Clark KA2OSV** had 2 check-ins for the most recent 10 Meter Net and 5 the week before that.

**DX and CONTESTS : Tony Starr K3TS** said the CQ WW RTTY contest was coming up soon and the CQ WW SSB contest would take place in late October.

**REPEATERS :** No report.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE :** Licensing classes have started and **Chris Prioli AD2CS** reports they are going well. Textbooks have been received but Chris is waiting for the invoice from the publisher. Some students have reported difficulty in using PayPal to pay for the licensing classes.

**HAMFEST : Ron Block NR2B** said the food was very good and that the Scout Leaders were happy with how it went. **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** said the invitations handed out resulted in three or four tours of the clubhouse. **Herb Dyer KT2Y** and **Jim Clark KA2OSV** suggested that, next year, we simply charge a flat fee of \$10 for vendors and allow those that arrive first to take space in the covered pavilions.

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE :**

- **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** said replacement of the VHF tower may cost more than the \$25,000 received from the ARRL Foundation, but exact costs cannot yet be determined. **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** is in the process of selecting a 100-foot self-supporting tower. The BoD will need to approve the next steps (under New Business) which involve consulting with the Township and 4H.
- The Tech Saturday Forum for October 8, 2022 will be replaced with a tour of the RCA Heritage Program Museum at Rowan University, lead by GCARC member **Anthony Cerami N2OAC**. Anthony is hoping to get a group of 20.
- The program for the General Membership Meeting in October will be an update on the towers.
- **Vinnie Sallustio N4NYY** has invited **Riley Hollingsworth K4ZDH** to give a talk at the November 2, 2022 General Membership Meeting.
- **Bob Keogh KD2NEC** has suggested a Club tour of the Battleship New Jersey. Jon will explore this possibility with Bob.
- Jon expressed an interest in running Educational Sessions for new hams covering topics such as how to work 5 Band DXCC and demystifying the many knobs and buttons on a modern transceiver. This information is not covered in licensing manuals. Also, since more than half of Radio Amateurs hold a Technician Class license, Jon is looking for Club members who can offer educational activities that focus on VHF.

**OLD BUSINESS : Tony Starr K3TS** said the Nominating Committee has almost finished the proposed slate of candidates. **Bob Durham W2RAD** and **Herb Dyer KT2Y** will not be running again.

**NEW BUSINESS :**

**Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** requested authorization for the Technical Committee to move forward with plans for the VHF tower, including discussions with the Township and 4H. This was approved.

**Karl Frank W2KBF** reviewed the plans for the ARRL SET on October 1 and reminded the BoD that use of the W2MMD 2 Meter repeater had been requested.

**Herb Dyer KT2Y** said that 150 hams had signed up to support the MS-150 City to Shore Ride - a full house!

**Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** proposed that GCARC could hold joint meetings with other clubs. **Tony Starr K3TS** said we could consider this.

**Chris Prioli AD2CS** noted that the projection screen in the Pfeiffer Community Center had been damaged and asked if GCARC should be involved with a replacement. The old screen had been donated by a Club member and was installed by Monroe Township personnel. Tony said we should get some cost information before considering this further.

**Jim Clark KA2OSV** said that **Charlie Wahl KC2STO** was back in the hospital.

**Frank Romeo N3PUU** said the next Foxhunt will take place this Sunday, September 25, 2022. A spare tape measure beam and attenuator is available for loan.

**The meeting was adjourned @ 2023 Hours.**

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