

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 2, 2022



The meeting opened @ 1930 Hours by President Tony Starr, K3TS with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ATTENDANCE : In person : 28; ZOOM : 13

GUESTS : Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH

NEW MEMBERS : None

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

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

- Income : \$10,189
- Expenses : \$7,158
- Net Gain : \$3,031

Total in all accounts does not include the \$25,000 from the ARRL grant. The annual mowing cost of about \$1,000 remains to be paid. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

CLUBHOUSE : Alan Arrison KB2AYU said that AC power has been run to the base of the new HF tower. This will permit raising and lowering of the beam as needed. A side arm has been installed for an 80 meter dipole and the VHF room is coming along. Chuck Colabrese WA2TML commented that the new beam antenna worked very well during the CQ WW SSB contest last weekend. The Clubhouse needs a new roof, which will be discussed under New Business.

CLUB NETS : Steve Farney W2SEF reported that, over the last 5 weeks, we had 49 check-ins to the Tuesday Noon 2 Meter Nets and 42 to the Thursday Evening 2 Meter Nets. There was no report on the 10 Meter Net.

DX and CONTESTS : Tony Starr K3TS noted great conditions on 10 meters that allowed him to work 115 countries last weekend. The ARRL CW sweepstakes takes place November 5th thru 7th and the ARRL Phone Sweepstakes takes place November 19th thru 21st. The Worked All Europe RTTY contest takes place November 12th to 14th and the CQ WW CW Contest takes place November 26th and 27th.

REPEATERS : No report.

EDUCATION : Chris Prioli AD2CS said that Technician and General Classes have finished and that the VE testing would take place on November 8th for both classes. The Extra Class schedule has been extended and testing will take place on November 18th. Only one person has signed up for the next round of classes, so these may be postponed until January.

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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE : Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF reported :

- The recent visit to the RCA Museum at Rowan University was a great success, with about 20 participants. **Anthony Cerami N2OAC** did a great job setting this up
- The Clubhouse was open for the CQ WW SSB contest. **Chuck Colabrese WA2TML** put in a good effort showing visitors how to use the equipment and use N1MM to log contacts. Also, **Jim Wright N2GXJ** took the occasion to review the features of FLEX radios
- Equipment has been ordered for the VHF station, but this may take months to arrive. Discussions have been initiated with the Township regarding the new VHF tower and the actual model of tower remains to be selected
- The next Tech Saturday Forum will feature SDR Angel, which is SDR software with multiple digital modes. So bring your Windows laptop to this event on November 5th
- For those interested in weather, there will be a presentation on tornados by Channel 6 weatherman Chris Sowers at the Fortescue Fire Hall on Thursday, November 17th
- The program following the General Membership Meeting tonight will be a presentation by **Riley Hollingsworth K4ZDH**
- The program following the December General Membership Meeting will be an introduction to 3D printing and the following Tech Saturday Forum will be on 3D printing design and software

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE : No report.

HEALTH and WELFARE : **Charlie Wahl KC2STO** was released, but then readmitted to Inspira.

FOXHUNT : **Frank Romeo N3PUU** said the next Foxhunt will take place on December 11th with **Marc Federici WM2Y** as the "Fox".

OLD BUSINESS : The Nominating Committee has identified a slate of candidates for office in 2023 :

- **President** : **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF**
- **Vice President** : **Ron Block NR2B**
- **Treasurer** : **Alan Arrison KB2AYU**
- **Recording Secretary** : **Karl Frank W2KBF**
- **Corresponding Secretary** : **Frank Romeo N3PUU**
- **Director** : **Jim Wright N2GXJ**
- **Director** : **Chris Prioli AD2CS**
- **Trustee** : **John O'Connell K2QA**

The floor was opened for additional nominations but none were received and nominations were closed. In the absence of multiple candidates for each position, a motion will be made at the General Meeting in December for the Recording Secretary to cast a single vote for the slate, as per Roberts Rules of Order.

NEW BUSINESS :

Frank Romeo N3PUU met with two roofing contractors to obtain quotes for replacing the Clubhouse roof. One high bid came in at \$8,400 plus cost of the permit, but Frank found a second contractor who may be able to arrange to have materials donated by a distributor which would greatly reduce the cost.

As a courtesy, Frank suggested that the Club could provide food (e.g. hoagies) for the work crew. A motion to spend no more than \$3,000 on the roof was made and approved.

Karl Frank W2KBF noted that our membership application requires a sponsor and thinks this requirement should be removed. This would require a change to Article VI of the Club constitution and will be considered at a future time.

As future Vice President, **Ron Block NR2B** will become responsible for meeting programs so Ron took suggestions from the floor and asked members to send him any more suggestions via email.

A slide show in memory of **Ray Martin W2RM** will take place during the break followed by a presentation from **Riley Hollingsworth K4ZDH**.

The meeting concluded @ 2014 Hours.

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