

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 16, 2022



Meeting opened @ 1900 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 (via ZOOM)
- Director Bill Price NJ2S
- Trustee Jim Wright N2GXJ
- Member Chris Prioli AD2CS
- Member Frank Romeo N3PUU
- Member John O'Connell K2QA
- Member John Hill W2HUV
- Member Mike Resnick N2WOQ

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

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS :

The following applications were received and approved :

- Mark Schlageter, WA2WOV, who has a General Class license and lives in Pilesgrove, NJ
- Jean Wilson-Kinney, KE2AHV, (XYL of Club member Gary Kinney KC2ULS) who is a new Technician Class licensee and lives in Medford, NJ
- James Lamanteer, WB2KNR, (Returning Member) who has an Amateur Extra Class license and lives in Newport, NJ
- David Salvatore, studying to take his exam in December and lives in Paulsboro, NJ

TREASURER : Alan Arrison KB2AYU reported YTD Budgeted Items :

- Income : \$10,272
- Expenses : \$7,158
- Net Gain : \$3,114

Total in all accounts includes the \$25,000 grant money. A mowing expense of approximately \$1000 remains to be paid and the propane tank has not been refilled. Comcast recently raised our monthly bill to \$112. Alan will work with **Jim Wright N2GXJ** to audit the books. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

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CLUBHOUSE : **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** reported that the Clubhouse is now in Winter mode, i.e. heat tape is being used on pipes under the trailer, the heat is on in the bathroom and the door is kept closed. The 80 meter dipole is now up and the VHF room has a new ceiling. The area surrounding the Clubhouse has been cleared for roofing work and **Frank Romeo N3PUU** said that a roofing repair contract is being prepared. **Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** said the GFCI outlet in the kitchen has been replaced and the bathroom door lock has been replaced. A lightning protection device has been added to the AC supply line going to the HF tower.

CLUB NETS : **Jim Clark KA2OSV** reported 3 to 4 check-ins to the weekly 10 Meter net. **Chris Prioli AD2CS** said check-ins have been down for recent Thursday evening nets but that the Tuesday Noon Net is averaging 8 to 10 check-ins.

DX and CONTESTS : **Tony Starr K3TS** said that solar flux has been up to 135, which should provide good conditions for the CQ WW CW contest over Thanksgiving weekend. The ARRL 160 Meter contest takes place in December plus there are a few smaller contests.

REPEATERS : **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** noted that the 220 repeater sounded noisy when a group used it last Sunday, so he will try to find time to check the antenna system.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE : **Chris Prioli AD2CS** said the Monday night DIGI Net, run by **Gary Mirkin WA3SVW**, will finish FLDIGI/FLAMP training on November 21. On the first Monday in December, training will shift to Winlink/VARA, lead by **Mike Thompson KG4JYA**. All six students taking the Technician course passed and all six joined the Club. Two of the six went on to pass the General exam. Out of three students from the General class, one passed. The Extra class exams will be administered this Friday. The next round of licensing classes will be postponed until the week of February 13, 2023.

HAMFEST COMMITTEE : **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** received a request from the 4H for a \$300 deposit to reserve the fairgrounds for September 10, 2023. Alan will ask for approval at the next General Membership meeting.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE :

- **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** said a dozen people attended the last Tech Saturday. The topic was SDR Angel
- GCARC videos, including recent DIGI Nets, are being uploaded to the Club's YouTube channel
- **Frank Romeo N3PUU** has been negotiating with FLEX to see if we can obtain a discount
- Jon spoke again with a Harrison Township zoning official concerning the VHF tower and now has the zoning forms. We do not think tower height will be a problem

CONSTITUTION : **Ron Block NR2B** lead a discussion concerning the requirement for a sponsor on the membership application form. A motion to eliminate the need for a sponsor passed, which will require amendment of our Constitution. Ron will reword the motion and present it at the next General Membership Meeting.

HEALTH and WELFARE : **Charlie Wahl KC2STO** is in the hospital.

OLD BUSINESS : None

NEW BUSINESS :

- **John Hill W2HUV** wants to donate the Elecraft amplifier to GCARC now, rather than via his will. Therefore, John has been asked to prepare a letter to document this donation
- **Chris Prioli AD2CS** said that Club members have been asking about borrowing Club equipment, but this cannot be done until equipment has been inventoried and tagged. **John O'Connell K2QA** has obtained durable tags and Chris will work with **Jim Wright N2GXJ** on this

MISCELLANEOUS :

- **Jim Wright N2GXJ** said the next Foxhunt will take place December 11 with **Marc Federici WM2Y** as the Fox
- **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** said the "HamClubOnline" software did not meet our needs, so use has been discontinued
- **Chris Prioli AD2CS** noted that, if GCARC members were to renew their ARRL memberships thru the Club. GCARC can receive \$5 per ARRL renewal and \$15 per new ARRL membership. It was agreed that the Membership Committee would provide ARRL renewal forms at Club meetings beginning in January
- **Karl Frank W2KBF** circulated suggestions that would expedite election balloting at the December General Membership Meeting. These suggestions were accepted by the BoD
- The BoD agreed that guest speaker **Riley Hollingsworth K4ZDH** should be reimbursed for his travel expenses. A request for funds will be made at the next General Membership Meeting

The meeting was adjourned @ 2035 Hours.

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