

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting Minutes Wednesday, December 7, 2022



The meeting opened @ 1931 Hours by President Tony Starr, K3TS with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ATTENDANCE :

- ◆ In-person : 32
- ◆ ZOOM : 14

GUESTS : Nicholas Kreuz KC3RFB, of Quakertown, PA

NEW MEMBERS : Randy Testa KC3VCC, of Havertown, PA

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

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

- ◆ Income : \$10,346
- ◆ Expenses : \$7,738
- ◆ Net Gain : \$2,608

Total in all accounts included the \$25,000 from the ARRL grant and approximately \$4,000 in the rebuilding fund. The annual mowing cost of \$1,000 to \$1,200 remains to be paid. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

CLUBHOUSE : Alan Arrison KB2AYU said the Clubhouse was in very good shape, with a new roof, thanks to arrangements made by Frank Romeo N3PUU. In addition to the new roof, the following has been accomplished this year :

- ◆ The HF station is back on the air with a refurbished tower and new beam
- ◆ The VHF room has been stripped to the studs, wired, insulated, air leaks fixed with new paneling and ceiling tiles
- ◆ The shed has been painted, it still needs the lights and electrical wiring hooked up
- ◆ The front steps have been repaired, stripped, and the paint still needs to be finished
- ◆ The paint on the back steps has been stripped off and needs to be painted
- ◆ The two front flood lights have been replaced

Nevertheless, there will be lots more work for the year ahead.

CLUB NETS : Steve Farney W2SEF reported an average of 11 check-ins each week to the Tuesday Noon Net and Thursday night net.

DX and CONTESTS : Tony Starr K3TS said conditions were terrible during the recent ARRL 160 Meter contest. However, solar flux has been high, which should be good for the upcoming 10 Meter Contest.

REPEATERS : No report.

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EDUCATION : **Chris Prioli AD2CS** reminded us that the next round of licensing classes will start on February 13, 2023. **Mike Thompson KG4JYA** has been covering VARA and Winlink on the Monday night DigiNet then, after that, **Steve Farney W2SEF** will cover FT8.

HAMFEST : The membership approved payment of a \$300 deposit to the 4H, in order to hold our Fair-ground reservation for September 10, 2023.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE : Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF :

- ◆ Showed photographs of the many improvements at the Clubhouse including the new roof by **Ameritech Services** and the VHF room remodel that is underway
- ◆ Reported that **Nicholas Kreuz KC3RFB** from Rowan University returned to the Clubhouse with a radio from the model rocket project and a 70 cm antenna that was not working. Jon and **Chris Prioli AD2CS** used a NanoVNA to trim the antenna to resonance
- ◆ The Digital Training Nets are taking place on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. Jon will be discussing RTTY on December 12th and **Mike Thompson KG4JYA** will finish VARA and Winlink on December 19th that was started on December 5th
- ◆ The program following the General Membership Meeting tonight will be an Introduction to 3D Printing by Jon and the following Tech Saturday will be on 3D Printing software. Also, the Clubhouse will be open for the 10 Meter Contest
- ◆ Upcoming topics for the General Membership Meeting and Tech Saturday Forum are :
 - **January : 5 Band DXCC by Tony Starr K3TS/Oscilloscopes and RTTY Contesting**
 - **February : Jim Wright N2GXJ and Sheldon Parker K2MEN on FLEX remote operation/FT-8**
 - **March : Nicholas Kreuz KC3RFB on the Rowan Rocket Project/Rowan Rocket Project**
 - **April : Dr Bob Heil K9EID on new hams**
 - **May : Tim Duffy K3LR**
- ◆ **Frank Romeo N3PUU** and **John O'Connell K2QA** have proposed a Group Collaborative Project in which members will build sensors as part of a weather station
- ◆ Members are reminded that by using **Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com)**, 0.5% of the purchase price can go to the **Gloucester County Amateur Radio Foundation**

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE : Ron Block NR2B introduced a motion to amend ARTICLE VI of the GCARC Constitution by eliminating the need for a sponsor to sign an application for membership. The exact wording of this motion will be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS :

A motion was approved to reimburse travel expenses of approximately \$400 for **Riley Hollingsworth K4ZDH**, who was our guest speaker in November.

NEW BUSINESS :

The following candidates were elected to office for 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

MISCELLANEOUS :

Alan Arrison KB2AYU noted that Field Day results have been published in QST and in the December 2022 CrossTalk newsletter. W2MMD took first place in the 7A category and second place in SNJ Section.

HEALTH AND WELFARE : Rolf Wurmbach KD2VQG is recovering from surgery.

FOXHUNT : The next Foxhunt will take place on December 18th (postponed from December 11th) with **Mark Federici WM2Y** as the "Fox".

Jim Wright N2GXJ reported : A summary of the Trustee's report on the audit of the books of the treasurer was presented. As presented :

- Overall, the audit was completed with only minor discrepancies, and several recommendations for the board of directors, as noted in the Recommendations and Supporting details portion of this report.
- The Club treasurer's main roles of recording day to day transactions, reporting at Club meetings, collecting membership fees, maintaining banking, paying bills, ensuring financial deadlines are being met, making filings, keeping accurate records, and being available to answer questions from the Club membership are considered to have been fulfilled, with satisfactory book keeping and reporting through the review period.

The conclusion is that the audit did not uncover any significant problems, and that the books of the treasurer through November 2022 should be accepted as presented.

Chuck Colabrese WA2TML has Club badges for new members.

The meeting was adjourned @ 2025 Hours.

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