

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 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 Chuck Colabrese WA2TML
- Director Jeff Garth WB2ZBN
- Director Herb Dyer KT2Y (via ZOOM)
- Trustee Jim Wright N2GXJ (via ZOOM)
- Member Chris Prioli AD2CS
- Member Frank Romeo N3PUU
- Member John O'Connell K2QA

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

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS :

The following applications were received and approved :

- **Richard Angelino, Associate Member from Waterford Works**
- **William Laute KD2YNN, an Amateur Extra from Waterford Works**
- **Harry Maloney KE2ALG, Technician Class from Vineland**

TREASURER : Alan Arrison KB2AYU reported YTD Budgeted Items:

- **Income : \$10,441**
- **Expenses : \$7,783**
- **Net Gain : \$2,657**

Total in all accounts includes the \$25,000 grant money. The \$2 annual lease payment to the 4H has been submitted and the Hamfest reservation fee has been paid. A mowing expense of approximately \$1,000 remains to be paid and the propane tank has not been refilled. Preparations for the 2023 budget will begin in a few weeks.

CLUBHOUSE : Alan Arrison KB2AYU reported that the Clubhouse is in good shape (with a new roof) and we will be working on the VHF room. Alan installed a 6 meter beam on the VHF tower and will set up his trailer tower for other VHF beams just to get thru the winter.

CLUB NETS : There was no report on the 10 meter net but Alan Arrison KB2AYU said that the VHF nets were going well. Jeff Garth WB2ZBN said that 15 checked in to the noontime net yesterday.

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DX and CONTESTS : Tony Starr K3TS said there was little coming up for the rest of this year but that a number of DXpeditions were scheduled for early next year.

REPEATERS : No report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE : Chris Prioli AD2CS said the next round of licensing classes are scheduled to begin the week of February 13, 2023. Also, the former "DigiNet" has now been renamed the "TechNet" in order to reflect its new, broader scope.

HAMFEST COMMITTEE : Alan Arrison KB2AYU said the fee to reserve the Hamfest site has been raised from \$750 to \$825.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE :

- **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** has installed his FLEX 3000 in the HF room and is making it available for the January VHF contest. **Frank Romeo N3PUU** installed a 4 position switch that will make it easier to select between the two existing Club station radios, the FLEX or a personal radio brought to the Clubhouse by a visitor.
- The new FLEX radio for the VHF room has been received by **John O'Connell K2QA** along with the transverters. The amplifiers are not due to arrive for a few more months.
- Frank will obtain technical details from Sabre Industries regarding the proposed new VHF tower and **Chris Prioli AD2CS** has arranged to have the underground utility lines marked next week. Our permit requires that digging begin sometime between December 26 and January 5.
- GCARC videos, including recent DigiNets, are being uploaded to YouTube.

CONSTITUTION : Ron Block NR2B presented an update to the proposed amendment to the GCARC constitution regarding the membership application process. This updated proposal will be published in The CrossTalk.

FIELD DAY : Tony Starr K3TS will contact **Vinnie Sallustio N4NYY** to see if he would like to head the Field Day Committee again for 2023.

HEALTH and WELFARE : Charlie Wahl KC2STO has been released from the hospital but **Anthony Cerami N2OAC** has been hospitalized.

OLD BUSINESS :

Jim Wright N2GXJ presented a detailed audit of the Treasury that was completed by GCARC Trustees and included several recommendations. Also, Jim has received a letter from **John Hill W2HUV** to document John's donation of an Elecraft amplifier to GCARC.

Chris Prioli AD2CS is actively attempting to get GCARC members to join or renew their ARRL membership through the Club.

NEW BUSINESS :

Jeff Garth WB2ZBN reported that the Pfeiffer Community Center rental agreement has been signed and paid, with no rate increase.

MISCELLANEOUS :

Jim Wright N2GXJ reported that **Frank Romeo N3PUU** won the last Foxhunt that took place on December 18.

Jeff Garth WB2ZBN noted that the Club now has 192 members with 48 new members just this year. 192 is approaching the all-time high from years 1990 (195), 1991 (202) and 1993 (221).

The meeting concluded with outgoing **President Tony Starr K3TS** expressing his appreciation for the opportunity to lead GCARC for the past two years.

President-Elect Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF presented ideas for new initiatives in 2023.

The meeting was adjourned @ 2023 Hours.

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