

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 11, 2023



Meeting opened @ 1903 Hours by President Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF.

ATTENDANCE :

- President Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF
- Vice President Ron Block NR2B
- Treasurer Alan Arrison KB2AYU
- Recording Secretary Karl Frank W2KBF
- Corresponding Secretary Frank Romeo N3PUU
- Director Chuck Colabrese WA2TML
- Director Jeff Garth WB2ZBN
- Director Jim Wright N2GXJ (via ZOOM)
- Director Chris Prioli AD2CS
- Trustee John O'Connell K2QA (via ZOOM)
- Member Gary Reed N2QEE

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

President Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF presented a diagram, or “Club Model” showing all the functions and moving parts of GCARC, including the standing committees. In brief, Jon wants to focus upon marketing to recruit new members, efforts to maintain current members, providing good content and activities, and securing adequate resources. Jon wants to create a questionnaire to collected data on Club members and their interests. **Karl Frank W2KBF** said that the Fair Lawn ARC has done this for several years and Jon asked if we could obtain a sample questionnaire from FLARC.

BUDGET : **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** presented a proposed GCARC budget for 2023. The BoD approved this budget after adding Education Expenses as a line item. This amended budget will be presented to the General Membership for final approval.

TREASURER : **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** reported YTD Budgeted Items :

- Income : \$1,576
- Expenses : \$610
- Net Gain : \$966

Total in all accounts includes the \$25,000 grant money.

CLUBHOUSE : **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** said that while much remains to be done, the current effort is to put together a station for participation in the upcoming VHF contest. The new FLEX radio will be used on 6 Meters (no plan right now to use transverters for other bands). **Frank Romeo N3PUU** has been obtaining specifications for the new VHF tower from the manufacturer **Sabre**, which will be purchased from the vendor **Tesco**. Flagging for the VHF tower installation has been ordered. **Chris Prioli AD2CS** will follow up. We need to clarify the procedure for clearing the Clubhouse alarm since it was set off accidentally last weekend, resulting in the arrival of a police officer. And to maintain security, the key code to the front door must be changed.

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NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS :

The following applications were received and approved :

- Vincent Antonelli Sr, KA2APD, General Class from Scarsdale, NY
- Gary Castellini, N2IEC, Advanced Class from Vineland
- Benjamin Johnson WB2GUK, Amateur Extra Class from Egg Harbor Township
- William Robinson KD2ANM, (Returning member) General Class from Franklinville
- Marty Wilt W2ILT, (Returning member) General Class from Laurel Springs

CLUB NETS : Participation has been down recently. **Chris Prioli AD2CS** said only 5 people checked in to the most recent Tuesday Noon Net.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE : **Chris Prioli AD2CS** is looking for additional instructors for the licensing classes. We already have a TechNet running on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 8 PM and **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** floated the idea of adding a “HELP NET” on the Mondays when the TECH NET is not scheduled.

CONSTITUTION : Suggestions from BoD members for improvements to the Constitution are being collected online.

OLD BUSINESS : None

NEW BUSINESS :

- **Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** asked if applications for new membership must be held until the next BoD meetings, or if approvals could be made between meetings via email. It was decided to permit approval of membership applications by email.
- A motion was made and passed to elect **Tony Starr K3TS** to the board of the Gloucester County Amateur Radio Foundation. (Explanation : As past GCARC President, Tony had been an ex-officio member of the board. This motion allows him to remain on the board). The other Club appointed GCARF board member is **Jeff Garth WB2ZBN**.

MISCELLANEOUS :

- **Gary Reed N2QEE** announced that the VE session previously scheduled for February 9th has been rescheduled to February 16th.
- The BoD confirmed that dinners at the Clubhouse will be held on the 4th Wednesday of each month.
- **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** will send a letter of thanks to **Ameritech Services** for giving us a break on the cost of the new Clubhouse roof and to **Tom Abernethy W3TOM** as he steps down from serving as ARRL Atlantic Division Director.
- A member who is interested in making a donation to the Club asked if a DONATE button could be added to the Club website. The BoD approved this in principle, and needs to consider how this will be implemented.

The meeting was adjourned @ 2102 Hours.

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