

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 15, 2023



Meeting opened @ 1900 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 Jim Clark KA2OSV
- Director Chuck Colabrese WA2TML
- Director Jeff Garth WB2ZBN
- Director Jim Wright N2GXJ
- Director Chris Prioli AD2CS
- Director Bill Price NJ2S
- Trustee John O'Connell K2QA
- Member John Hill W2HUV
- Member Mike Resnick N2WOQ

Jon requested that the committee reports be kept short tonight due to the full agenda.

The minutes of the January 2023 BoD Meeting were approved.

TREASURER : Alan Arrison KB2AYU reported YTD Budgeted Items :

- Income : \$3,577
- Expenses : \$1,308
- Net Gain : \$2,268

Total in all accounts includes \$25,000 grant money. Approximately \$2,500 has been collected in dues so only 80 to 90 members have paid. Donations of \$376 we received along with dues and \$50 was received from ARRL for renewals done thru the Club.

We were billed \$300 for the Clubhouse door alarm and keypad replacement. **Chris Prioli AD2CS** said the job was not completed since we cannot set the date or time. **Bill Price NJ2S** said he would follow up with the alarm company.

Alan received a \$95.40 bill for the five business email addresses used by the Club. This expense was budgeted for \$71.80.

The increase of \$23.60 and the \$300.00 expenses must be approved by the General Membership. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

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NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS :

The following application was received and approved :

- **Norman Coltri, WA2UUP**, General Class from Swedesboro.
- **Michael Covalesski N2MCC**, General Class, a returning member from Sewell.
- **Susan Frank, W6SKT**, General Class from Swedesboro.
- **Joseph Gadoury, KE2AKT**, Technician Class from Tabernacle.
- **Todd Woodward, KD2ESH**, Technician Class from Turnersville.

Jeff Garth WB2ZBN says we now have 203 members.

CLUBHOUSE : No Report

DX and CONTESTS : No Report

REPEATER : No Report.

PROGRAM : **Ron Block NR2B** said that all is on track for the Rowan University rocketry talk by **Nicholas Kreuz KC3RFB** at the March 1, 2023 General Membership Meeting.

CLUB NETS : **Jim Clark KA2OSV** is running the 10 Meter Nets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1930 Hours with 4 to 6 check ins per session.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE : **Chris Prioli AD2CS** reports that the latest round of licensing classes have started and that all who registered have attended.

FIELD DAY : **Tony Starr K3TS** will be Field Day Chairman. We have learned that the Wine Festival will take place the same weekend as Field Day this year. **Ron Block NR2B** will have an exploratory conversation with the 4H regarding use of space.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE : The 160 Meter antenna, recently installed, is working well. Money left over from the ARDC grant will be spent soon in order to close down the project. **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** will consider applying for a grant later this year to install Solar Panels at the Clubhouse.

CONSTITUTION : **Ron Block NR2B** is preparing to publish the GCARC Constitution with the latest amendment that was approved in February. The following possible future changes were discussed :

- Regarding elections, replace the word “balloting” with “voting”, in order to permit voting by voice or show of hands if appropriate
- Clarify the procedure for absentee voting. If requested by a member, an absentee ballot will be sent by email but must be returned to the Recording Secretary by postal mail in a sealed envelope in order to assure confidentiality
- To expedite elections, allow the Recording Secretary to cast a single vote for positions that are uncontested
- Allow the BoD to have some flexibility in paying for items that were budgeted and approved but which ended up exceeding the budget by a small amount

OLD BUSINESS :

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS : **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** pointed out that, with only 80 to 90 membership renewals to date, we still are short by about 40. **Chris Prioli AD2CS** and Jon will send out personalized email invitations prior to the March General Membership Meeting to those who have not yet renewed. Those who have not renewed by April/May will receive a “we will miss you” email and be removed from the GCARC roster and circulation list.

HF STATION RESERVATIONS : The BoD resolved several issues :

- The Club station must be available for local operation during Tech Saturdays between the hours of 10 AM and 2 PM and during Clubhouse dinners on the 4th Wednesday of every month between 6 PM and 9 PM. Signup for remote operation will not be permitted during these times
- Regarding contests : If the Club is going to participate in a contest there must be a coordinator who organizes a group of operators. Otherwise, the station will be available for a member to sign up for remote operation during the contest
- If someone has reserved the station for a particular time slot but is found not to be using it, a different member may take over that time slot if 15 minutes have passed into the unused time slot
- **Chris Prioli AD2CS** suggested that the reservation page should include a field for phone numbers. **Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** will look into this.

NEW BUSINESS :

Mike Resnick N2WOQ suggested that the Clubhouse should have an Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED). The BoD agreed and Mike will look into this. The Clubhouse has a First Aid Kit which has been checked recently by **Chris Prioli AD2CS**.

MISCELLANEOUS :

- **Leonard Rust W2LJR** has secured the Masonic Hall in Mantua for the March General Membership meeting due to renovations at the Pfeiffer Center. **Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** will publish this information in The Crosstalk.
- The next Foxhunt will take place February 26 with **Frank Romeo N3PUU** as the fox.
- **Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** said the Internet Archives website on the Digital Library of Amateur Radio and Communications (DLARC) page has asked permission to upload all of the Crosstalk issues. The BoD had some concern this could result in loss of copyright.
- **Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** noted that the driveway becomes muddy after a rain and asked if anyone knew where we could get some stones.
- **Anthony Cerami N2OAC** is in the hospital.
- **Chris Prioli AD2CS** will arrange to have utility lines flagged in preparation for the VHF Tower installation.

The BoD meeting was adjourned @ 2108 Hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karl Frank W2KBF,
GCARC Recording Secretary