

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 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

The minutes of the February BoD Meeting were approved.

TREASURER : Alan Arrison KB2AYU reported YTD Budgeted Items :

- ◆ Income : \$4,129
- ◆ Expenses : \$1,849
- ◆ Net Gain : \$2,279

Total in all accounts includes \$25,000 grant money and \$4,115 in the rebuilding fund. Approximately \$2,900 has been collected in dues and donations of \$406 have been received along with dues. State and Federal Corporation reports have been filed. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS : The following applications were received and approved :

- Keith Evans, KC3PAA, Technician Class from Wilmington, DE
- Daniel Lenco, WA2BPH, Advanced Class from Pedricktown, NJ

Prior to the BoD meeting, we received and approved an application from :

- Edward Scheidts, KC2QFB, Amateur Extra Class from Riverside, NJ.

At this time we have 65 members who have not renewed. Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF noted that we still need an additional 28 new members or renewals to meet our budget. Existing members that have not paid dues will have until the April 5th General Membership Meeting to pay. Chris Prioli AD2CS and Jon will send gentle reminders, but names will be dropped from the GCARC roster if not paid up by the April meeting.

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CLUBHOUSE : **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** noted that we still have a big TO DO list. The HF tower has been lowered due to the current wind advisory. **Chris Prioli AD2CS** and **Bill Price NJ2S** both have contacted Alarm Doctor regarding our inability to program the date and time into the door alarm. Bill suspects that a chip must be replaced and will find out what this will cost and if it is worth doing. Chris has obtained keys for both the inside and outside doors, which will make it less likely that we will be locked out.

CLUB NETS : **Jim Clark KA2OSV** reports 4 check-ins to the recent Tuesday 10 Meter Net and 6 check-ins to the Thursday 10 Meter Net @ 1930 Hours. **Chris Prioli AD2CS** reports 7 to 8 check-ins to the Tuesday Noon 2 Meter Nets and more to the Thursday Evening 2 Meter nets, unless a VE session is in progress. **Bill Price NJ2S** is interested in starting a monthly Trader's Net on a date TBD.

DX and CONTESTS : **Tony Starr K3TS** noted the upcoming WPX Phone contest on March 25 and 26 and said it would be good if the Clubhouse could be open for this contest. **Chris Prioli AD2CS** volunteered to be the coordinator for this Club activity.

REPEATER : There have been reports of de-sensing on the 2 Meter repeater. **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** said that de-sensing has been sporadic and we do not know the cause. If it continues, we may ask users to tune to the input to check for interfering signals.

PROGRAM : **Ron Block NR2B** summarized the programs for the next few General Membership Meetings :

- **April 5 : Bob Heil K9EID**
- **May 3 : Randy Smith WU2S** on AREDN/MESH Networking
- **June 7 : Chuck Colabrese WA2TML** on Radio Propagation
- **July 5 : No Program**, this will be Pizza Night
- **August 2 : Tony Starr K3TS** on installing a mobile station with the following Tech Saturday used as a hands-on session for mobile radio installation.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE : **Chris Prioli AD2CS** reports that we are more than halfway thru the current licensing classes and that a half dozen have signed up for the next round.

FIELD DAY : In view of the need to compact and re-configure our space this year, Field Day Chairman **Tony Starr K3TS** will schedule planning sessions, possibly by ZOOM. At the next General Membership Meeting Tony will request approval to purchase band pass filters for 80 and 40 Meters.

OLD BUSINESS :

REPLACEMENT VHF TOWER : **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** identified an opportunity to purchase two used 72 and 89 foot medium duty crank-up towers. Accessories such as motorized winches and stop switches are included. The BoD approved :

- Purchase of the two towers and transportation to the Clubhouse
- Expenditure of the \$25,000 ARRL grant plus the \$4,115 in designated donated funds to stand up and populate the 89 foot tower, to the extent of the remaining funds
- Authority to stand up and populate the 72 foot tower to the extent that funds remain for the project

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE : Ron Block NR2B recruited **Chuck Colabrese WA2TML**, **Karl Frank W2KBF**, and **Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** to serve on the Constitution Committee as we rewrite the current GCARC Constitution to better fit our needs. As per BoD discussion, changes will include :

- Change "Junior Membership" to "Student Membership" for full-time students
- Change "Associate Membership" to "unlicensed only"
- Under "Associate Membership", remove reference to "Auto-patch"
- Removal of reference to an initiation fee
- Elimination of dues pro-ration on a monthly basis, but allowing new members who join in the final quarter of a year to be considered paid in full for the following year
- Elimination of secret balloting, except when appropriate for elections
- Allowing ZOOM participants to count toward a meeting quorum
- Writing a procedure for disposition of Club assets in the event the Club were to be dissolved

Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF will look for suggestions as to how other non-profit groups have handled this last issue.

NEW BUSINESS : None

MISCELLANEOUS :

- **Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** expects the Pfeiffer Community Center to be available for our next General Membership Meeting on April 5th.
- **John Hill W2HUV** has obtained a cable for the FLEX 3000 that will allow it to be used with the linear amplifier.
- **Chris Prioli AD2CS** reminded the BoD that Club members would like to borrow test equipment but this cannot be done until this equipment is inventoried and tagged. **John O'Connell K2QA** agreed to work with Chris on this.
- **Karl Frank W2KBF** would like to see articles in The Crosstalk that feature a different Club member each month. The BoD agrees so Karl will look into starting a "Member Spotlight" column.

The BoD meeting was adjourned @ 2052 Hours.

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