

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 19, 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 Jeff Garth WB2ZBN
- Director Jim Wright N2GXJ
- Director Chris Prioli AD2CS
- Director Bill Price NJ2S
- Trustee John O'Connell K2QA
- Member Ernest Kraus KD2EAV

The minutes of the March BoD Meeting were approved.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS :

The following applications were received and approved :

- Robert Bleattler KC3VXW, Technician Class from Upper Chichester, PA
- Ethan Yost KE2AVA, Technician Class from Burlington, NJ
- Melissa Seidner KE2BEK, Technician Class from Burlington, NJ
- Carl Jackson KE2BEE, Technician Class from Mount Royal, NJ
- Felicia Jackson KE2BED, Technician Class from Mount Royal, NJ
- Bert Espanol N3PKH, Technician Class from Swedesboro, NJ

TREASURER : Alan Arrison KB2AYU reported YTD Budgeted Items :

- Income : \$6,127
- Expenses : \$2,137
- Net Gain : \$3,990

The membership renewal rate has been approximately 80 percent and we have a total of 180 Renewed/Life/Honorary members. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

CLUBHOUSE : Alan Arrison KB2AYU requested help in managing weeds that are growing around the Clubhouse. The electrical box will be mounted on Saturday then the shed, transfer switch and generator will be wired. Bill Price NJ2S will provide information on the chip needed for the alarm system next month.

FIELD DAY : The side yard will be available this year after all so Field Day Chairman Tony Starr K3TS will be revising the plan.

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CLUB NETS : **Bill Price NJ2S** is working on plans to start a Traders' Net.

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

- May 3 : **Randy Smith WU2S** on AREDN/MESH Networking
- June 7 : No Program, this will be **Pizza Night**
- July 5 : **Len Rust W2LJR** will present a program on computerized logging

EDUCATION COMMITTEE : **Chris Prioli AD2CS** reports that out of 10 students, 9 passed their licensing test and one passed both Tech and General. The next round of licensing classes begins May 1.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO FOUNDATION : **John O'Connell K2QA** reports that amplifiers have arrived for the VHF/UHF station and that **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** will be making up the necessary cabling. This leaves \$800 to \$900 of grant money that remains to be spent.

FOX HUNT : **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** has set the date of Sunday, May 7, 2023 for the next Fox Hunt.

OLD BUSINESS :

REPLACEMENT VHF TOWERS : **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** and **Frank Romeo N3PUU** presented a plan to locate the two new VHF towers in line with the existing towers, spaced 40 feet apart. Frank provided photos of these towers to the manufacturer, **US Tower**, and they will provide us with documentation that will help in obtaining permits.

Ron Block NR2B and **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** met with our 4-H contacts last week at the Clubhouse to discuss the tower plans. The 4-H Executive Board must approve these plans and sign the zoning application as the landlord.

The 4-H will permit us to use the side yard during Field Day in exchange for GCARC allowing our front yard to be used for part of a car show during the 4-H Fair on July 29 (we may shut down the Clubhouse on that day). Also, GCARC plans to support the 4-H by extending our WIFI coverage into the fairgrounds.

Jeff Garth WB2ZBN mentioned that the Gloucester County 4-H is hosting a Spring Festival on Saturday, May 13, 2023 and a Goliathon on Saturday, June 3, 2023 at the 4-H Fairgrounds.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE : Discussions continued regarding updates to the GCARC Constitution. **Ron Block NR2B** collected this information and will put together a revised draft for the Constitution Committee to review.

HAMFEST TICKETS :

It was decided to charge \$10 for Admission, an additional \$10 for tailgating in an open area or \$15 for a covered area.

NEW BUSINESS :

Ernest Kraus KD2EAV asked if it would be possible to place an advertisement for his travel business in The Crosstalk. The BoD decided to permit advertisements from Club members, at a rate of \$20 per quarter page, in a single monthly issue.

MISCELLANEOUS :

- The Pfeiffer Community Center will not be available for the May 3, 2023 General Membership Meeting, so **Chris Prioli AD2CS** was asked to contact **Len Rust W2LJR** to see if the Mantua Masonic Lodge can be reserved.
- The Clubhouse Rules need to be assembled and posted. **Chris Prioli AD2CS** volunteered to start this process.
- It was decided that Club Trustees should be responsible for maintaining all Club assets, not just physical assets, including passwords, TQSL information, etc.
- We need to set some criteria for the W2MMD Station License Trustee. We agreed this should be a Club member that is selected by the BoD. **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** will check with **Darrell Neron AB2E** to see if he wants to remain as Trustee for W2MMD.
- Finally, we need to decide what to do about Trustees that are no longer active.

The BoD meeting was adjourned @ 2116 Hours.

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