

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 17, 2023



Meeting opened @ 1902 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 Jeff Garth WB2ZBN
- Director Jim Clark KA2OSV
- Director Chris Prioli AD2CS
- Director Jim Wright N2GXJ
- Director Bill Price NJ2S
- Trustee John O'Connell K2QA

The minutes of the April BoD Meeting were approved.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS :

The following applications were received and approved since the last BoD meeting :

- Joseph Gallagher, KC2VAQ : General Class of Woodbine, NJ
- Jacques Latoison, KC3VYU : Technician Class of Chester, PA
- David Wade KD2NZS : Amateur Extra Class of Las Cruces, NM for Club Life Membership

TREASURER : Alan Arrison KB2AYU reported YTD budgeted items :

- Income : \$6,623
- Expenses : \$2,674
- Net Gain : \$3,949

This includes approximately \$800 in donations received when members renewed their Club membership and \$105 from ARRL membership renewals. We need membership approval to pay the \$300 bill for alarm keypad service. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

CLUBHOUSE : Frank Romeo N3PUU wanted to acknowledge work recently done at the Clubhouse by Earl Moore KC2NCH. Alan Arrison KB2AYU is concerned with eliminating a ground hog which is digging under the Clubhouse. Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF has received a letter from the 4-H that will support the zoning permit for our new towers. We have agreed to work with the 4-H by providing Wi-Fi coverage to their announcement booth, kitchen area for credit card transactions and also for security cameras. We don't yet know how far into the facility Comcast will run cable. Bill Price NJ2S suggested that Mark Clark N3QMJ may be a good contact for this matter.

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MEMBERSHIP : Approximately 30 have missed the renewal deadline and will receive a “Sorry to see you go” message from membership chair **Chris Prioli AD2CS**. Rejoining the Club will not require a new application, but will require BoD approval.

FIELD DAY : **Jim Wright N2GXJ** reviewed the plan in the absence of Field Day Chairman **Tony Starr K3TS**. We will have 7 stations (not counting satellite and free VHF) with three on 20 meters (CW, digital and phone). Tony has purchased band pass filters and is making tuned stubs to minimize mutual interference between bands. We plan to walk around the site this Saturday (May 20) at 10 AM.

HAMFEST : **Bill Price NJ2S** has not heard back from the Scout Troop regarding Hamfest food. **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** wants to publicize the fact that our new towers were funded by an ARRL grant and is considering asking **Atlantic Division Director Robert Famiglio K3RF** to participate in a “roll out” at the Hamfest.

CLUB NETS : **Jim Clark KA2OSV** reports only 3 to 4 check-ins to the 10 meter nets. **Bill Price NJ2S** will be introducing the Traders’ Net as part of the weekly Thursday Net on the W2MMD 2 Meter repeater.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE : **Chris Prioli AD2CS** reports the latest round of licensing classes have started with 6 enrolled for Technician and 4 for General (no Extras).

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE : **Chris Prioli AD2CS** is planning a two-part course in basic soldering skills, to be conducted at the Clubhouse sometime after the July 4th holiday. The first part will consist of the proper way to do thru-hole soldering to a circuit board and the second part will involve building a functioning kit. This will be announced at the June 7, 2023 General Membership Meeting.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE : **Ron Block NR2B** said the committee meets again next week to continue its work.

FOX HUNT : **Jim Wright N2GXJ** reported that **Marc Federici WM2Y** was first to find the Fox on May 7. **Chris Prioli AD2CS** had hidden the transmitter, but placed the box that usually holds the transmitter nearby as a visual decoy.

OLD BUSINESS : None

NEW BUSINESS :

Carl Wittig N2CRW was nominated as Trustee by **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** and approved by the BoD to replace **Bob Fields KC6AOH** who has not renewed his membership.

Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF has been brainstorming the possibility of applying for a new ARDC grant that would provide a solar power system for the Clubhouse. This would involve contacting the Electrical Engineering Department at Rowan University to see if they would be interested in collaborating on a real-world design project. Jon envisions a stand-alone system, but **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** notes that even a grid tie system would help with our annual \$2000 power bill.

Frank Romeo N3PUU noted that the Clubhouse really could use a ramp for handicapped access. The BoD agrees, although this could be expensive. **Jim Clark KA2OSV** said that Home Depot may have a program that could help out and he will look into this.

MISCELLANEOUS :

Jeff Garth WB2ZBN said the Pfeiffer Community Center has reopened and will be available for the June 7, 2023 General Membership Meeting.

The BoD meeting was adjourned @ 2012 Hours.

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