

# Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

### Wednesday, June 21, 2023



Meeting opened @ 1901 Hours by Vice President Ron Block, NR2B.

#### ATTENDANCE :

- President Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF (ZOOM)
- 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
- Member Tony Starr, K3TS

The minutes of the May BoD Meeting were approved.

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

- Income : \$6,746
- Expenses: \$2,952
- Net Gain of \$3,793

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

**CLUBHOUSE :** The front door lock has been repaired by **Frank Romeo N3PUU** and the mini-split air conditioner will be installed shortly. It was decided to change the lock code for the door (but NOT the alarm) on an annual basis. This will be announced in the CrossTalk prior to the change and a notice will be posted on the Clubhouse door. At the suggestion of **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF**, people will be instructed to contact **Chris Prioli AD2CS** if they wish to obtain the new code.

**Ron Block NR2B** said that Harrison Township has approved our Zoning Permit for the new towers. In order to proceed with the Building Permit Application, **Frank Romeo N3PUU** asked if we should now pay U.S. Tower for drawings at an estimated cost of \$1,500 or if we should try filing with the documents that we have already. Jonathan thought we should try filing with the documents at hand and this will be discussed at a later time.

#### NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS :

The following New Member Application was received and approved :

- **John Peterson KD2ODE, General Class license from Westhampton, NJ.**

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**FIELD DAY :** **Tony Starr K3TS** said everything is looking good (except perhaps the weather forecast). He will be back on site tomorrow to drive stakes into the ground, marking antenna locations. Tony will begin setup around 3 PM on Friday. His advice for maximizing QSOs is to sit and run a frequency rather than searching and pouncing. **Herb Dyer KT2Y** will be the Safety Officer but all are requested to pay attention to the weather and watch for approaching thunderstorms. All stations are encouraged to bring HTs and monitor **147.540 MHz** simplex for announcements.

**Ron Block NR2B** is our point of contact for any issues with the 4H or the Wine Festival. **Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** said he has been receiving donations of both food and cash for Field Day meals.

**HAMFEST :** **Bill Price NJ2S** received verbal confirmation that the Boy Scouts will handle the food concession again this year. The scouts plan to camp out overnight on the Fairgrounds.

**FUTURE PROGRAMS :** **Ron Block NR2B** reviewed the speakers for the upcoming General Membership Meetings :

- **July 5 : Pizza Night (no program)**
- **August 2 : Tony Starr K3TS on Mobile Radio Installation**
- **September 6 : Chuck Colabrese WA2TML on Radio Propagation**
- **October 4 : Jim Wright N2GXJ on design of the Club's 160-meter loop antenna**
- **November 1 : Mike Thompson KG4JYA on Radio Astronomy**
- **December 6 : Len Rust W2LJR on logging**
- **January 3 : Robert Welsh N3RW on Astronomy and Amateur Radio**

**CLUB NETS :** **Jim Clark KA2OSV** reports 4 to 5 check-ins to the 10 Meter Nets. **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** said the 2 Meter Nets are going well.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE :** **Chris Prioli AD2CS** reports the latest round of licensing classes are about to finish and that VE testing will occur Tuesday, June 27, 2023.

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

**FOX HUNT :** **Jim Wright N2GXJ** reminded us of the Radio Direction Finding (RDF) Educational Activity that will be held during Field Day, followed by a hidden transmitter hunt.

**OTHER COMMITTEES :** There were no reports from the Repeater, DX/Contesting, Technical, Public Service, or GCAR Foundation Committees.

**OLD BUSINESS :** **Jim Clark KA2OSV** checked with Home Depot regarding their program that assists with construction of handicapped access ramps. In brief, GCARC does not qualify for assistance. **Bill Price NJ2S** will contact **Carl Wittig N2CRW** to ask if he could help with drawings for such a ramp.

**Chris Prioli AD2CS** presented the BoD with a draft of new GCARC Clubhouse Rules for consideration.

**NEW BUSINESS :** None

**MISCELLANEOUS :**

Regarding Internet access for the 4H buildings, **Ron Block NR2B** reported that Comcast had visited the site and would charge about \$9,000 to extend cable further into the fairgrounds. This cost may be too high for the 4H so they may request our assistance in obtaining Wi-Fi access. **John O'Connell K2QA** commented that bandwidth to our Clubhouse would not be affected since 4H would have their own commercial account and connection. A potential problem is that Comcast would require the 4H to use Comcast equipment, which is not designed for outdoor use, so a way must be found to mount and protect this equipment.

Regarding the July 5 Pizza Night : The plan is for **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** to obtain a headcount then **Chris Prioli AD2CS** will pick up the pizzas. **Frank Romeo N3PUU** will not be able to run the ZOOM session for the General Membership Meeting on July 5 and suggested that **Carl Wittig N2CRW** may be able to fill in. **Ron Block NR2B** will follow up with Carl.

**The BoD meeting was adjourned @ 2005 Hours.**

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