

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 16, 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 (ZOOM)
- Director Jeff Garth WB2ZBN
- Director Jim Clark KA2OSV
- Director Chris Prioli AD2CS
- Director Jim Wright N2GXJ
- Trustee John O'Connell K2QA
- Member Tony Starr K3TS

The minutes of the July BoD Meeting were approved.

TREASURER : Alan Arrison KB2AYU reported YTD Budgeted Items :

- Income : \$8,132
- Expenses : \$5,078
- Net Gain : \$3,234

The Club received several donations in memory of **Chuck Colabrese WA2TML**, including a \$500 donation from the Bank of Elmer. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

CLUBHOUSE : Alan Arrison KB2AYU noted that a work crew had done a nice job cleaning up the Clubhouse.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS : None

FUTURE PROGRAMS : Ron Block NR2B reported that he has not heard back from **Bob Heil K9EID** so the speaker for the General Membership Meeting on September 6, 2023 will be **Carol Richards N2MM**.

EDUCATION : Chris Prioli AD2CS announced that the next licensing classes will begin on September 11, 2023. So far, 6 persons have expressed interest. **John Zaruba Jr K2ZA** will assist with Extra Licensing Classes, in place of **Chuck Colabrese WA2TML**.

REPEATER : Echolink has not been reliable. Rebooting the computer seems to fix the problem temporarily.

PUBLIC SERVICE : Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF noted that signups to support the Bike MS City to Shore Ride was not going well. **Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** said that the SKYWARN Net is in need of more participants.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE : Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF reported on radio contacts made from the Clubhouse during the recent Perseids meteor shower. The Club operated a 6 meter station using an Elecraft amplifier.

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Several meteor shower contacts were made on Saturday morning. The next meteor shower will occur in the December/January time frame.

FOX HUNT : Jim Wright N2GXJ has scheduled the next Fox Hunt for Saturday, September 17, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS : None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **President Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** appointed **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** to fill the role of Director vacated by the late **Chuck Colabrese WA2TML** after Alan resigned as Treasurer. This allows Alan to retain a position in Club leadership. **John O'Connell K2QA** was appointed to fill the role of Treasurer after John resigned as Trustee. The BoD approved these changes, which take effect immediately. The Club still has one open Trustee position.
2. **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** wants to get rid of items in Clubhouse HF Room cabinets and shelves that will never be used at the Clubhouse. The BoD agreed to dispose or sell these surplus items.
3. **Tony Starr K3TS** reports that new member **David Mitchell WB2PJH** has been approved as a CW Academy Instructor. Club members are invited to visit the CWops website in order to sign up for the September/October online course.
4. **Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** moved that a new member joining the Club and paying dues at the 2023 Hamfest should be considered to be paid thru the end of 2024. This motion passed.
5. **Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** wants to start a Volunteer of the Month/Year award in memory of certain past Club members. Discussion of this proposal was deferred.
6. **Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** noted that the impending increase of ARRL dues could affect our status as an ARRL affiliated club (which requires at least 51% ARRL membership) if the rate of ARRL renewal decreases. The position of the BoD is that we should neither persuade nor dissuade Club members to join or renew ARRL membership at this time.
7. Since **ARRL Atlantic Division Director Robert Famiglio K3RF** will attend our hamfest in September as a forum speaker, **Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** suggested that he should be invited to tour the Clubhouse during his visit.
8. **Chris Prioli AD2CS** learned of the **Gloucester Amateur Radio and Electronics Society** in the UK and, in view of the similar name to our Club, proposed that he contact them and explore the possibility of forming some sort of a relationship with them. The BoD approved.
9. **Chris Prioli AD2CS** needs to order additional blanks for membership badges and asked **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** to look up the cost of these blanks.

Constitution Committee : Ron Block NR2B presented a revised draft (Draft 10) of the GCARC Constitution. Feedback was obtained from the BoD and the discussion will continue at the next BoD meeting.

The BoD meeting was adjourned @ 2102 Hours.

**Karl Frank W2KBF,
GCARC Recording Secretary**