

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 18, 2023



Meeting opened @ 1900 Hours by President Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF.

ATTENDANCE :

- President Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF
- Vice President Ron Block NR2B
- Treasurer John O'Connell K2QA
- Recording Secretary Karl Frank W2KBF
- Corresponding Secretary Frank Romeo N3PUU
- Director Bill Price NJ2S
- Director Jeff Garth WB2ZBN
- Director Jim Clark KA2OSV
- Director Chris Prioli AD2CS
- Director Jim Wright N2GXJ

The minutes of the September BoD Meeting were approved.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS : The following two applications were approved :

- **David Danichkin, KD2UXC** (Returning Member), General Class from Vineland, NJ
- **Mary Ciraula** from Pittsgrove, NJ (XYL of Greg Ciraula W5DO) for Associate Membership

TREASURER : **John O'Connell K2QA** reported :

- \$5,695.94 restricted (Committed)
- \$16,190.06 unrestricted

Total unrestricted funds at year end is projected to be \$14,135.06. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

CLUBHOUSE : **Frank Romeo N3PUU** is asking Club members to help dig trenches on Sunday (since it will rain on Saturday) for wires and for installing grounding rods.

THE TOWER PROJECT : **Frank Romeo N3PUU** has found a source that can provide rebar already bent in the manner that we require. Anchor bolts are on order at a cost of \$1,500. A quote was obtained from Fazzio for 16 to 17 cubic yards of concrete. **Bill Price NJ2S** offered to obtain a quote from L and M Concrete. We receive a donation for the towers just this evening from **Jim Clark KA2OSV**. There will be a plaque listing the calls of those who donate at least \$100 to the Tower Project, as discussed at the September BoD Meeting. A fund-raising Holiday Dinner is planned to take place at the Pfeiffer Community Center from 7 to 9:30 PM on Wednesday, November 29, 2023. The menu is set, fliers are out, and 12 tickets at a cost of \$32 each have been sold already. A minimum of 40 tickets sold is required to make this event worthwhile and we will make the November BoD meeting as the date for a GO/NOGO decision. We need to have a discussion about the prizes that have been advertised and to make this event more visible on the GCARC website. **Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** will place the Holiday Dinner flier on the front page of the November CrossTalk and the website's home page.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE : **Ron Block NR2B** sent draft 14 of the Constitution to committee members and expects to have it finalized in time for first reading at the November General Membership Meeting, with voting to adopt at the December General Membership Meeting.

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PROGRAMS : Ron Block NR2B noted that the topic for the November General Membership Meeting will be on Radio Astronomy, presented by **Mike Thompson KG4JYA**. The topic for the December General Membership Meeting will be Radio Controlled Model Aircraft, presented by **Sheldon Parker K2MEN**.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE : Chris Prioli AD2CS reported that VE testing will take place the week of November 14 and that he does not yet have anyone signed up for a future round of licensing classes.

OLD BUSINESS : None

NEW BUSINESS : Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF lead a discussion on :

1. Volunteer Awards for members who provide some benefit to the Club.
2. A "Got My License - Now What?" program that would provide practical, hands-on experiences for newly licensed hams and introduce them to knowledgeable GCARC members.

It was decided that Volunteer Award Certificates would be issued quarterly and recipients would be selected by the BoD. Officers and other BoD members would not be eligible for these awards and awardees would be ineligible for a year to receive the award again. The BoD liked the idea of providing some orientation to newly licensed hams and Jonathan will get together with a group next Saturday to figure out what topics to cover. The target date for the first session for newly licensed operators is the evening of Monday, November 27.

MISCELLANEOUS : Jim Clark KA2OSV asked if the 4H had requested our assistance in running WiFi through the fairgrounds, however **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** said that we do not know if they have arranged for Comcast internet access.

The BoD meeting was closed @ 2014 Hours.

Karl Frank W2KBF, GCARC Recording Secretary