

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 15, 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 Al Arrison KB2AYU
- Director Jeff Garth WB2ZBN
- Director Jim Clark KA2OSV
- Director Chris Prioli AD2CS
- Director Jim Wright N2GXJ

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS : The following three applications were approved :

- Todd Foster KE2CAH, Amateur Extra Class from Glassboro, NJ
- Robert Jensen KC3WWL, Technician Class from Marshallton, DE
- Robert Kay KE2CEG, Technician Class from Mullica Hill, NJ

TREASURER : John O'Connell K2QA reported YTD totals :

- Income : \$12,642
- Expenses : \$10,207
- Net gain : \$2,435

Total unrestricted funds at year end is projected to be \$14,645. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

HOLIDAY PARTY : The November 29 Holiday Party will go forward as planned, with 56 tickets sold. **Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** will check with **Sheldon Parker K2MEN** to see if any Hamfest gift certificates are available as prizes. **Chris Prioli AD2CS** offered to donate a radio (TBD). **Frank Romeo N3PUU** will need some assistance around 4 PM to set up tables, etc. **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** will arrange a picture show and **Ron Block NR2B** will carve the ham.

CLUBHOUSE : **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** reports that the satellite antennas are back in place with new rotators and that ground rods have been installed for the VHF station. The SATNOGS antennas and rotators have been removed for repair.

THE TOWER PROJECT : **Frank Romeo N3PUU** reports that anchor bolts were shipped yesterday. Holes will be dug for the concrete foundations as soon as possible. The Club still needs to raise approximately \$5,000 for the towers. The 50/50 from the Holiday Party will go toward the Tower Project.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE : **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** will open the Clubhouse early Saturday morning to facilitate contacts during the Leonid Meteor Shower

PROGRAMS : **Ron Block NR2B** has speakers lined up for the next few meetings.

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE : **Chris Prioli AD2CS** reported two new Technician Licensees and one Technician upgrading to General. The exams for Amateur Extra Class will take place on Friday. Chris would like to have the **SNJ Affiliated Club Coordinator Ron Fish, NX1W**, publicize the GCARC classes to other clubs.

GOT MY LICENSE, NOW WHAT? : A special session for new hams will be held at the Clubhouse on Monday, November 27, starting at 6 PM. **Tony Starr K3TS, Ron Block NR2B, John O'Connell K2QA**, and **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** have committed to provide an overview of the many aspects of Amateur Radio. Jon will send an invitation to new hams. **Mike Thompson KG4JYA** will be speaking on VHF/UHF operation.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE : **Ron Block NR2B** reviewed the current draft at the last General Membership Meeting. It will be reviewed again at the December General Membership Meeting, followed by a vote to accept.

OLD BUSINESS : The BoD discussed candidates for Volunteer Appreciation Awards. It was decided to present these awards at the Holiday Party and at the December General Membership Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS : **Alan Arrison KB2AYU** received a request from the 4H for us to provide a date for the 2024 Hamfest. Also, Alan suggested that a 15 - 20 minute Annual Review be done at the January General Membership Meeting regarding what has been accomplished during the last year and how the funds have been used. **Frank Romeo N3PUU** has experienced difficulties running the ZOOM sessions during the General Membership Meetings. It was decided that **Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF** will prepare a slide regarding ZOOM etiquette that will be shown at the beginning of each meeting.

The BoD meeting was closed @ 2023 Hours.

Karl Frank W2KBF, GCARC Recording Secretary