

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday December 20, 2023



Meeting opened @ 1901 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 Jeff Garth WB2ZBN
- Director Jim Clark KA2OSV
- Director Chris Prioli AD2CS
- Director Jim Wright N2GXJ
- Director Alan Arrison KB2AYU
- Member Bruce Canino KD2LBU
- Member Len Rust W2LJR
- Member Vinnie Sallustio N4NYY

The minutes of the November BoD Meeting were approved.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS : The following three applications were approved :

- Ronald Jackson KE2CJB, new General Class from Palmyra, NJ
- Calvin Keller N2YMS, Amateur Extra Class from Mantua, NJ
- John Murrow KD2NHK, Technician Class from Somerdale, NJ

TREASURER : John O'Connell K2QA reported YTD totals :

- Income : \$12,301
- Expenses : \$12,008
- Net gain : \$293

Total in all accounts with \$7,705 restricted (i.e. committed), leaving \$15,156 unrestricted. Total unrestricted funds at year end is projected to be \$14,739. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

CLUBHOUSE : Alan Arrison KB2AYU reports that the Clubhouse is in good shape.

THE TOWER PROJECT : Frank Romeo N3PUU noted that it is time for the ground to be marked for the VHF tower foundations and that some work remains to be done on the tower bases. Utility poles will be installed for lighting, antenna supports, etc. Approximately \$3,900 has been raised for this project from donations and the recent Holiday Party. An additional \$4,000 will be needed to complete the project.

REPEATERS : Frank Romeo N3PUU said that John Zaruba Jr K2ZA plans to service the repeaters sometime between Christmas and New Year's Day. The AMS (Automatic Mode Selection) is not working and we expect that a software update will fix the problem.

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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE : Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF reported that the "Got My License - Now What?" session went well and that attendees expressed an interest in building things, particularly antennas.

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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE : Chris Prioli AD2CS reported that twelve persons have signed up for the Fox-hunt antenna-making sessions and that up to fifteen can be accommodated. These sessions will run over four consecutive Mondays, beginning January 15. **Jim Wright N2GXJ** said the next Foxhunt probably will be scheduled in March in order to allow the new antennas to be built and tested.

CLUB NETS : Jim Clark KA2OSV reported that the 10 Meter Nets have been "very quiet". For the Tuesday and Thursday Net check-ins, **Jeff Garth WB2ZBN** reports an average of 10 in October, 10 in November and 11 in December.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE : Ron Block NR2B will be distributing the newly approved constitution to club members. Then work will begin to update the By-Laws.

OLD BUSINESS : None

NEW BUSINESS : The date of **Sunday, September 8, 2024** was selected for our **2024 Hamfest**. **John O'Connell K2QA** will notify the 4H and pay the reservation fee. At the suggestion of **Jim Clark KA2OSV** we decided to keep prices the same as in 2023, i.e. \$10 admission plus \$10 for tailgaters or \$15 for pavilion spaces. Hamfest chairman **Sheldon Parker K2MEN** will be notified to contact the ARRL to update their hamfest calendar.

A Budget Committee will be formed in order to prepare the 2024 budget. It will consist of the GCARC President, Treasurer and three non-BoD members (**Len Rust W2LJR**, **Sheldon Parker K2MEN** and a third person TBD). It will meet during the first week of January in order to have a budget ready for presentation at the February General Membership Meeting.

Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF noted that a GCARF Zoom meeting must be held before year-end.

MISCELLANEOUS :

John O'Connell K2QA lead a discussion regarding the need to increase insurance coverage on our equipment and noted that the club general liability policy does not protect the Officers and Directors. We may seek advice from **ARRL Atlantic Division Director Robert Famiglio K3RF** regarding this issue.

The BoD meeting was closed @ 2019 Hours.

Karl Frank W2KBF,
GCARC Recording Secretary