

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 3, 2024



President Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF opened the General Membership Meeting @ 1930 Hours with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ATTENDANCE :

- 37 In Person
- 13 Zoom

Visitors :

- Michael Pentimall KC3VTF, Folsom, PA
- James Anderson N2DQG, Mt Royal, NJ via zoom
- Victor Trumper, Lakewood NJ
- Jack Gordon WA2RHJ, Tabernacle, NJ

New Members :

- Ronald Jackson KE2CJB
- Calvin Miller N2YMS
- John Murrow KD2NHK
- Joe Gadoury N2JJG first meeting as a Club member

Announcements :

- Club Leaders Introduction
- **Jon Pearce WB2MNF** discussed Club Resources and Activities
- Dues are \$30/year, optional \$40 and \$50 tiers to enhance the Club. Can pay cash, check, or PayPal. 160 members eligible to renew, approximately 80 already have.
- Hamfest coordinator understudy needed, **Sheldon Parker, K2MEN** last hamfest as coordinator.

Upcoming Events :

- Tech Saturday Forum : January 6, 2024 at 9AM. **Chris Prioli AD2CS** on Repairing the Yaesu Az/EI Rotator.
- GCARC TechNet ZOOM Forum : Monday, January 8, 2024 at 7:30PM - Raspberry Pi and Open forum.
- Monday, January 15, 2024 at 6:30PM at the Clubhouse - **Chris Prioli AD2CS** Class on building a 4 MHz offset attenuator and tape measure Yagi.
- Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 7:00 PM - Board of Directors Meeting at the Clubhouse.
- Wednesday, January 24, 2024 Dinner at the W2MMD Clubhouse

Upcoming Tech Saturday Programs :

- February open - looking for topics
- March - Direction Finding workshop
- April - open, looking for topics
- May - Using a VNA to tune your antenna
- June - Building a ladder line collinear antenna

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Member current activities :

- **Lance Appel, KE2UC** listening to QSO Today and Absolute Tech podcasts
- **Vinnie Sallustio, N4NYY** got a new Yaesu FT5 HT, talked about using the W2MMD-Skunkworks room on Brandmeister, recommended it to members to check out.

Business Meeting :

Minutes of December 2023 General Membership Meeting as published in CrossTalk were approved by voice vote of members present.

TREASURER'S REPORT :

2023 Operating Profit and Loss

- Operating Revenue : \$12,301
- Operating Expenses : \$12,008
- Net Operating Income : \$293
- Memorial Donations : \$1,025
- Net Income (Loss) : \$1,318

Non-Operating Revenue and Expenses :

- Revenue : \$5,029
- Expenses : -\$23,698

Remarks : **John O'Connell, K2QA** reported non-operating revenue are things like the VHF Tower Fund and the dinner. Non-operating expenses were all \$20,000 for the new towers and another \$10,000 or so for the rebuild fund, the grounding project, field day filters and other various things that the Club approved.

Annual audit and 2024 Budget to be accomplished this month.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB FOUNDATION : Report : None.

CLUBHOUSE REPORT :

Report : **Al Arrison KB2AYU** reported the Clubhouse is in pretty good shape. January VHF contest coming up 1/20-23/2024. **Chris Prioli AD2CS** reported that he repaired a Yaesu azimuth rotator giving yielding a full set of spares. **John WB2MNF** discussed the upcoming tower projects slated for spring. **Jon WB2MNF** noted the increased use of the Clubhouse in 2023 as well as use figures for the remote HF station.

FUTURE PROGRAMS :

Report :

- **February - 2024 Solar Eclipse**
- **March - "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About ARRL Affiliation"**
- **April - TBD**
- **May - Antenna design overview**
- **June - Best Home Built Antennas**
- **July - Pizza Night**
- **August - NJ State QSO Party**

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DX AND CONTESTS :

Report : **Tony Starr K3TS** reported 1/6-7 ARRL RTTY Roundup, 1/13 NAQP CW, 1/20 NAQP SSB, 1/27-28 CQWW 160m CW, 1/27-28 Winter Field Day

PUBLIC SERVICE :

Report: **Karl Frank W2KBF** relayed a report from **Bob Keogh KD2NEC** on ARES goals for 2024 with the following points:

- Continue to focus on the NJ Red Cross, building on the success in 2023, to become a more Strategic Partner.
- Leverage the relationship with the Red Cross and the Office of Emergency Management to provide real value.
- Develop partner relationships with other Emergency Service Providers that provide Mobile, Wide Area Voice and Data Networks (i.e. Information Technology Disaster Resource Center).

GCARC TechNet ZOOM Forum :

- **Meets second Monday of the month.**
- **Links to meeting sign on information available at w2mmd.org**
- **Topic - Open discussion on Raspberry Pi projects**

OLD BUSINESS : None

NEW BUSINESS :

- **Technical Committee is looking for members.**
- **Planning technical sessions for both Tech Saturday and TechNet.**
- **Coordinating interesting projects.**
- **Planning for new resources.**
- **Designing projects for funding.**

PRESENTATION : “Antenna Placement and Vulnerability” by Ron Block NR2B

Meeting adjourned @ 2025 Hours

**Respectfully submitted,
John Zaruba Jr, K2ZA, Recording Secretary**