

# Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

### Wednesday January 17, 2024



Meeting opened @ 1900 Hours by President Jonathan Pearce WB2MNF

#### Attendance :

- **President** Jon Pearce WB2MNF : **Present**
- **Vice President** Ron Block NR2B : **Present**
- **Treasurer** John O'Connell K2QA : **Present**
- **Recording Secretary** John Zaruba Jr K2ZA : **Present**
- **Corresponding Secretary** Frank Romeo N3PUU : **Present**
- **Director (2022-2024)** James Clark Sr. KA2OSV : **Present**
- **Director (2022-2024)** Jeffrey Garth WB2ZBN
- **Director (2023-2025)** Chris Prioli AD2CS : **Present**
- **Director (2023-2025)** James Wright N2GXJ : **Via Zoom**
- **Director (2024-2026)** Al Arrison KB2AYU : **Present**
- **Director (2024-2026)** Bill Price NJ2S : **Present**
- **Trustee (2021-2024)** Carl Wittig N2CRW
- **Trustee (2022-2025)** Charles Lanard KD2EIB
- **Trustee (2023-2026)** Sheldon Parker K2MEN : **Present**
- **Trustee (2024-2027)** Len Rust W2LJR

#### New Member Applications (Approved)

- **Jim Anderson N2DQG, Mt. Royal, NJ**
- **Matthew Carango. N3QB, Springfield, PA**
- **Fred Munzenmayer K2DX, Grenloch, NJ (Returning Member)**
- **Michael Pentimall KC3VTF, Folsom, PA**

#### Treasurer :

- **Income : \$4,061.50**
- **Expense : \$226.25**
- **Net : \$3,835.25**

Detailed financial statements are available for review upon request.

#### Clubhouse :

- HF offline due to weather (high winds, towers lowered).
- VHF Contest 1/20/2024, members welcome to come out. Winlink and Echolink stations may be taken offline if they are causing inter-station interference during the contest.

#### Repeaters :

- Factory reset and reprogramming performed on the 2m repeater. Repeater will still not operate in automatic switching mode (AMS), staying in analog continuously. John K2ZA and Chris AD2CS believe there is a hardware problem with the internal repeater controller. Due to site access issues and shipping expense to send the repeater to Yaesu, and the repeater is still usable for the analog users, the consensus is to leave it alone for the time being.

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- Yaesu FTM-100/HRI-200 donated to the Club for use as a WIRES-X link station for the 70cm repeater to allow members with System Fusion capable radios to experiment with linking.
- Frank N3PUU and John K2ZA will be working on adding an MMDVM controller to the Glassboro 70cm repeater (440.10625/445.10625) to allow multi-mode access to the W2MMD-Skunkworks room on Brandmeister.

**Programs and Activities Committee :**

**February :**

- **General Membership Meeting :** 2024 Solar Eclipse
- **Tech Saturday Forum :** Introduction to VOIP - Len Rust, W2LJR
- **TechNet ZOOM Forum :** Interfacing radio to computer
- **Other :** Yagi build session

**March :**

- **General Membership Meeting :** Everything You Always Wanted to Know About ARRL Affiliation
- **Tech Saturday Forum :** Direction finding workshop
- **TechNet ZOOM Forum :**
- **Other :** Fox Hunt

**April :**

- **General Membership Meeting :** POTA - John Zaruba Jr, K2ZA
- **Tech Saturday Forum :** POTA
- **TechNet ZOOM Forum :**
- **Other :**

**May :**

- **General Membership Meeting :** Antenna design overview
- **Tech Saturday Forum :** Use a VNA to tune your 70 cm ground plane
- **TechNet ZOOM Forum :** Open session on antennas
- **Other :**

**June :**

- **General Membership Meeting :** Best home-built antennas
- **Tech Saturday Forum :** Build a ladder-line collinear
- **TechNet ZOOM Forum :**
- **Other :** Field Day

**July :**

- **General Membership Meeting :** Pizza Night

**August :**

- **General Membership Meeting :** New Jersey State QSO Party

**September :**

**October :**

**November :**

**December :**

**Education Committee :**

- **Chris Prioli, AD2CS** Fox Hunt Antenna / Attenuator construction class starts Monday 1/22/24, runs for 4 weeks.
- There are enough prospective students signed up to run Technician and General classes starting in April.

**Club Nets :**

- Jim Clark, KA2OSV plans to start a 40m SSB net when he gets established in his new QTH.
- December 2023 2M nets averaged 10.25 check-ins on Tuesdays and 8.5 Check-ins on Thursdays.

**Old Business : None**

**New Business :**

- John K2ZA discussed making Club logo merchandise (stickers, t-shirts, mugs, etc.) to use as a fund raiser. He will purchase the materials needed and produce the items, donating a share of the sales net to the Club for using the Club logo.
- Pfeiffer Community Center notified the Club of it's intent to take over the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the for a Township business meeting. BoD discussion followed, Jon WB2MNF to draft a response to attempt to dissuade them from taking this action.

**The BoD Meeting adjourned @ 2015 hours**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**John Zaruba Jr K2ZA, Recording Secretary**