

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 7, 2024



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

Attendance :

- 31 In Person
- 22 Zoom

Visitors : None

New Members :

- Jim Anderson, N2DQG, Mt Royal, NJ
- Matthew Carango, N3QB, Springfield, PA
- Fred Munzenmayer, K2DX (Returning Member), Grenloch, NJ
- Michael Pentimall, KC3VFT, Folsom, PA

Announcements :

- Dues are due. Basic dues are \$30, asking members who can to consider giving a bit more.
- Changes at the Pfeiffer Community Center require meetings to be over and people out the door by 21:30.
- Club Merchandise launch, initially club logo stickers. See **John Zaruba Jr K2ZA**.

Upcoming Events :

- Tech Saturday Forum, February 10, 2024 - VOIP with **Len Rust W2LJR** then Meshtastic Radio Programming
- TechNet ZOOM Forum, February 12 & 19, 2024 - Discussion of Meshtastic Radios
- Board of Directors Meeting February 21, 2024.
- Informal Clubhouse Dinner February 28, 2024.
- Saturday, March 16, 2024 30th Anniversary Fox Hunt at the W2MMD Clubhouse.

Member Current Activities :

- **Marc Federici WM2Y** showed a Fox Hunt transmitter he built.
- Discussion of assistance given to Rowan Engineering students regarding rocket avionics.

Chris Prioli AD2CS discussed the Quansheng UV-K5 (8) handheld radio and it's unique capabilities.

Jon Pearce WB2MNF mentioned the JS1YMG, the Japanese probe that landed on the Moon and is transmitting in the 70cm ham band with modified Morse code.

Business Meeting :

Minutes of January 2024 business meeting as published in Crosstalk were approved by voice vote of members present.

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Treasurer's Report :

2024 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
- Non-operating expenses (Loss) : (\$23,698)

Remarks : Discussion of 2024 GCARC Operating Budget, motion to approve passed by voice vote of members present. **Sheldon Parker K2MEN** presented the results of the annual audit report.

W2MMD Clubhouse Report :

- Report : **Al Arrison KB2AYU** noted the Clubhouse survived some fairly intense weather in January with minimal damage. Looking forward to better weather to continue VHF tower and operating room work.

DX And Contests :

- Report : **Tony Starr K3TS** provided his report remotely from Hamcation in Orlando, FL. Discussion of North American QSO Party and the upcoming ARRL DX contest as well as the recent TX5S Cliperton Island DXpedition.

Public Service :

- Report : **Bob Keogh KD2NEC** discussed Red Cross support as the main public service opportunity since Gloucester County has abandoned the RACES program. **Chris Prioli AD2CS** and **Steve Farney W2SEF** provided storm damage assessment for Pitman Borough.

Education Committee :

- Report : **Chris Prioli AD2CS** reported on the Fox Hunt Attenuator and Antenna Building class recently held. **Jim Wright N2GXJ** discussed upcoming 30th Anniversary Fox Hunt.

Old Business : None

New Business : None

Closing Remarks :

- **Jon Pearce WB2MNF** provided a quick synopsis of LoRa / Meshtastic activities and encouraged interested members to get involved. The Club's Discord server #LoRa channel was also mentioned.

Presentation : April 2024 Annular Solar Eclipse By Ed Efchak WX2R, HamSCI

Meeting adjourned @ 2004 Hours

Respectfully submitted, John Zaruba K2ZA, Recording Secretary