

Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 3, 2024



Meeting opened at 1900 Hours by President Jon Pearce, WB2MNF with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

ATTENDANCE :

- In-person : 28
- Via Zoom : 19

VISITORS :

- Rick Bleda KC2SGR Vineland, NJ

NEW MEMBERS :

- Michael Andrescavage N2ICV Malaga, NJ
- Paul Cosenza KD2RDD Glassboro, NJ
- Walter Coward WX2E Vineland, NJ
- Alex Duboski KB2YEF Williamstown, NJ
- Dale Guenther KE2CYM Newfield, NJ
- Robert Pantazes W2ARP Greensboro, NC

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

- Tony Starr K3TS received the Volunteer Appreciation Award for his many acts of service to the Club. Congratulations on a well deserved award Tony!

UPCOMING EVENTS :

- April 6th : Tech Saturday Forum : “POTA Equipment and Activating”
- April 8th : GCARC TechNet Zoom Forum : “Meshtastic Radio Work Session”
- April 11th : License Exams
- April 17th : Board of Director’s Meeting
- April 24th : Dinner at the Clubhouse

MEMBER CURRENT ACTIVITIES :

- Jim Wright N2GXJ gave an overview of the 30th Anniversary Fox Hunt held on March 16th.
- The Club is launching a high altitude balloon project as part of STEM curriculum for Upper Deerfield Township Middle School.
- The Technical Committee is assisting Rowan University Engineering students with avionics for their upcoming rocket launch. The electronics package includes video and data telemetry.
- Chris Prioli AD2CS constructed a CW key adapter for the Icom 7300 in the HF room as well as a co-axial cable tester for the repair bench. He has kits and assembled cable testers available for interested members. Contact Chris for details.

BUSINESS MEETING :

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

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TREASURER'S REPORT :

- 2024 Year to Date Income and Expenses
 - ◆ YTD Income : \$10,713.3
 - ◆ YTD Expenses : \$1,283.71
 - ◆ Net : \$9,429.59

Remarks :

- PayPal and credit card fees will be added to dues and class payments beginning in April. Dues will be \$30 if paid by cash or check, \$32 if paid using PayPal or credit card.
- Hospitality must be self-sustaining - please feed the kitty.
- Use payment envelopes for cash and check payments for donations, dues, classes.
- Credit card payments now accepted at meetings.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report passed by voice vote of members present.

GLOUCESTER COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB FOUNDATION :

- Report : Interest Income \$.76, Expense \$3,053.44 for donor funded IT infrastructure project.

CLUBHOUSE REPORT :

- Report : **Al Arrison KB2AYU** reported that the VHF room is operational but in a limited fashion, furniture need to be install prior to final commissioning. No antennas currently up for 903 or 1296 MHz, but 6m, 2m, 222 and 432 MHz are available.

DX AND CONTESTS :

- Report : **Tony Starr K3TS** discussed several noteworthy upcoming contest in April. He also talked about the upcoming June Field Day preparations.

PUBLIC SERVICE :

- Report : **Karl Frank W2KBF** reported on recent developments for portable Winlink operations.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE :

- Report : **Chris Prioli AD2CS** reported that Technician and General License classes start the week of April 22nd. Licensing class will be twice per year instead of four, so don't delay signing up.

NEW BUSINESS :

- Hooded sweatshirts with the Club logo are available. Contact **John Zaruba Jr K2ZA** to order.
- Field Day 2024 Club logo t-shirts are now available for order with delivery at the June General Membership meeting. Contact **John Zaruba Jr K2ZA** to order.
- Motion to appropriate \$500 to purchase additional bandpass filters for Field Day approved by voice vote of members present.

CLOSING REMARKS :

- **Jon Pearce WB2MNF** reported that the GOES satellite receiver at the Clubhouse is once again operation and providing imagery. He also noted that the hardware is available at Amazon if you'd like to set up a similar receiver in your shack, and the software is free. **Mike Thompson KG4YGA** has gotten the software working to enhance the images and create videos of them.

PRESENTATION :

- **“Parks On The Air Activating with an Emphasis on Antennas” by John Zaruba Jr K2ZA**

Meeting adjourned @ 1959 Hours.

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