

Calvert Amateur Radio Association Inc.

April 4, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 19:34 by the president. 23 were in attendance. Previous minutes were approved. A new member was welcomed and voted in Dave KC3ADG. The treasurer reported we have \$1049.04 in bank and a \$100 check to deposit. He also reported that \$200 had been donated to replace funds from repeater repairs. A motion and second to accept report passed. The board reported that the 501c3 has been approved by the IRS and Dick W3RBR explained what we will need to do in the future and what he had to do to get this done. Repeater committee by Bob N3PPH reported no changes. Station committee report by Bob KF3AA explained use of equipment and the informal lunch meetings Wednesday's at noon at the Mt. Hope station location. He also wants to do Wednesday evening station openings from 17:30 to 20:30. He also brought back up the dedication of station to founders which is to be discussed later this meeting. RACES report by RO Bill N3XMZ said he had spoken to county about cables that need to be installed at EOC for our equipment. He will be sending SITREPS during the Tuesday nets when they do not conflict with COMMEX. COMMEX will be April 9 at 19:30. Bill read the extensive report of the last ARES drill. ARES Dennis N3QHC reported that he had equipment issues during the drill, this is why we need to practice. The web report by Ron WA4PRR again requested input from ARES and RACES. The newsletter report by Brian KB3WV thanks the people that provided content and asked for more to step forward and provide content for the newsletter.

Break at 20:04

50-50 drawing was held and won by Dean N8LWP who donated his \$35 winnings to the club.

Reconvened at 20:28

Foxhunt organizers reported by Brian KB3WV are planning on a training session Saturday the 20th at Howling Point Park. He also asked us to support Eagle 1 at the hamfests as he graciously discounted the connectors purchased from him for the antenna build. Plaque for founders' discussion reopened, pricing for plaque to be presented at the next meeting. A motion was made, second and passed to approve up to \$100 for this plaque. Field Day report by Dave N3TZO said he has secured Broomes Island again as a fallback facility. The president stated he would like us to use a more public place. A request for additional help, John KB3SXC was only volunteer. President also voiced desire to sell off extra equipment and

control of this is left to the executive committee. A motion for this was made, second and passed. Vice President Brian KB3WV made a request that we try to join the Easton EARS club Tuesday evening nets at 20:00 as their repeater covers here very well as does our repeater cover the eastern shore. Members from their club are expected to join our net also. A motion and second to adjourn passed at 21:08.

Cookie Monster for May is John KB3SXC.

Bob N3PPH

CARA Inc. Secretary