

## ***October 2013 Meeting Minutes***

Meeting was called to order at 19:35 by President with 20 in attendance. Minutes from September meeting were approved as sent.

Treasurer reported \$1000.57 in bank, report accepted by members present.

Directors report by Dave W3PQS, we are working with the Secretary of State for Maryland to have the ability to hold a raffle. Paperwork has been submitted. We are also working to setup a meeting with board and emcomm officials in neighboring Southern Maryland area after the positive publicity we al received in the local newspapers.

Repeater report by Bob N3PPH, no changes or problems reported.

RACES and ARES informed us that after the SET the weekend of October 4/5 the digital station at Mt. Hope will be switched to APRS for the bike race later in the month. SET will begin 1800 local time on Friday October 4 and was discussed during meeting. This was reported by Bill N3XMZ and Shawn N3AE.

Website report by Ron WA4PRR stated he updated the site before the meeting including a message that dues are due soon. He again asked for RACES and ARES input for the site.

Station Master report by Bob KF3AA. He requested a raise in his budget to replace needed cables, a motion to do this passed and \$160 was allocated.

Recess at 20:05

50-50 drawing won by Shawn N3AE who donate his winnings to the association \$65.

Reconvened at 20:25

A request for a newsletter author was made and Ed KC3AEN stepped up to the plate, thank you Ed!

Air cannon kits have been ordered and are approximately 3 weeks from delivery.

Nominating committee report by Karl KG1L, the following are the nominees, President Bob N3PPH, Vice President Brian KB3WFFV, Secretary Ron WA4PRR, Treasurer Dick W3RBR and Director Dave KB3RAN. The club thanks Karl KG1L, Dave KB3RAN and Dick N3VKW for their time as a committee presenting these nominations.

Next on the agenda were dues, after a discussion a motion was made, seconded and passed by a 16 to 3 vote to raise the dues to \$20.

The new budget was presented and explained by Dick W3RBR and after discussion passed unanimously after a motion and second to vote on it.

He also reported that Paypal has approved us to take donations and that we receive a special rate for this. A motion was made to increase the dues to compensate for the Paypal fees, it was latter withdrawn.

Dave W3PQS presented shirts that we are now selling to help raise funds for the association. Details will be posted via email and the website.

Dave KB3RAN brought up the idea of us working the next county fair, discussion revealed our previous inquiries found that the booth would

have to be manned the entire time the fair is open and we do not have the manpower to do that.

A reminder that the Cystic Fibrosis bike ride is October 20<sup>th</sup> please let ARES know if you can help.

Ron WA4PRR asked for people interested in participating in a Foxhunt, please contact him if you are interested.

Bob N3PPH CARA Inc. Secretary