

November 2013 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 19:33 by President with 14 in attendance. Minutes from October meeting were approved as sent.

Treasurer reported \$773.94 in bank, report accepted by members present.

Directors report by Dave W3PQS, he is working to get donations/ grants now that we are a 501©3 from local establishments. Plans are to do most of this in the coming year as current moneys are allocated for holiday shopping (Shop with a Cop). Don KR3A explained about an organization he knows HELP, which will be followed up on.

Repeater committee still has plans to upgrade power output on repeater per Bob N3PPH.

RACES report by Bill N3XMZ stated that CALVEX went well and we scored well. He is working with county to get Mt. Hope repeater antenna replaced. He also reported for ARES that they had an organizational meeting the 30th of October and addressed deficiencies that they will address including a better way to notify members of meeting status. Shawn N3AE also reported that Wayne N1WR asked him to take over maintenance on the store and forward equipment at Mt. Hope as he has plans to possibly leave the area.

Ron WA4PRR also requested help for our neighboring AARC club for communication support for this weekend's 50K event. He also stated that he is working on the website and will be contacting members who have offered help.

Ed KC3EAN was not present to offer a newsletter update.

The Station Master's report by Bob KF3AA let us know that furniture was replaced at the station and two stations are completely operational including digital modes. Jack AB4FO donated the furniture and some equipment, he has been a long time CARA member.

Bill N3XMZ secured a battery backup system for the station courtesy of Calvert County.

Break at 19:58

50-50 was won by Brian N3LIX.

Meeting reconvened at 20:24

The club has a great deal of equipment that is not in use and this surplus equipment will be available for members to purchase at the Holiday party, Mt. Hope Community Center Room 5 on December 14 at 13:00. There will be awards presented at this time too. We will use the club reflector to discuss the food for the party. A present exchange will again happened this year, it is voluntary and a ~\$10 limit was placed on presents.

As all offices were unopposed Les N3YR made a motion to accept all nominees and was duly seconded. Next year's club officers are:

President Bob N3PPH

Vice- President Brian KB3WFV

Secretary Ron WA4PRR

Treasurer Dick W3RBR

Director Dave KB3RAN

The president appointed an Audit committee, Shawn N3AE as chair, Bill N3XMZ and Les N3YR.

A reminder that CARA is a 501©3 and donations are tax deductible.

Motion made and second at 20:44 to adjourn.

Bob N3PPH CARA Inc. Secretary