

CARA Meeting Minutes - August 2015

The August, 2015 meeting was called to order by our President, Bob / N3PPH at approximately 7:30 pm. There were 18 members in attendance.

The minutes for the July meeting were approved as posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report: Our bank balance was reported to be \$ 2,429.88

General Fund : \$ 1,814.00

Prince Fredrick Project: \$ 610.88 (with some bills outstanding)

The Treasurer's Report was accepted by unanimous vote.

Board of Directors Meeting:

- 1.) Bob / N3PPH met with Mr. Freeland from the county about using the SMECO building as a meeting site and club station (with possible use of the tower. The reaction to our request was very positive.
- 2.) A new postcard has been developed for new ham mailing. Lists of new hams will be downloaded from the ARRL.

Committee Reports:

Field Day Committee: Monica / KC3DAS thanked everyone who participated in our Field Day. She passed out certificates and \$10 gift cards to Mama Luchia for all who participated.

Newsletter: Monica / KC3DAS published the club newsletter for August. Field Day photos were featured, along with two articles submitted by Eric / NG3K and Ron / WA4PRR.

Repeater Committee:

- 1.) The "Prince Frederick Project" was discussed by Dave / W3PQS and Eric / W4OTN. Following a discussion with the state manager, the antenna positions on the tower were finalized.
- 2.) An open frame relay rack was donated by Ron / WA4PRR for the repeater project.
- 3.) The Antennas for the "Prince Frederick Project" have been refurbished and the SWR checked by Shawn / N3AE. The SWR reports were reported, and additional tweaking may be required.

Public Service Committee: Les / KH6CUJ reported on several events that are being held in the next few months.

- 1.) Anne Arundel 10 Miler Race at the Navy - Marine Corps Stadium (Aug. 30th @ 7 AM).
- 2.) Run For Lighthouses - Quiet Waters Park (Sunday, Sep. 27th).

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Station Committee:

- 1.) The Station has been cleaned up in preparation for the Maryland QSO Party.
- 2.) A vertical 80 through 10 meter antenna has been mounted on the roof at Mt. Hope.
- 3.) An updated Access List to the Club Station at Mt. Hope is being sent to the Mt. Hope manager.
- 4.) Anyone accessing the roof at Mt. Hope must check in with the county desk personnel.
- 5.) In an emergency, the Mt. Hope station will be open on a 24 / 7 basis.
- 6.) The Maryland QSO Party will be held from 12 -8 PM on Aug. 8th & 9th at the CARA Station.
- 7.) The Rookie Round-up (RTTY) will be held on at the CARA Station. (Open to those licensed 3 years, or less.)

Education Committee: No report.

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The **50-50 Drawing** was won by Eric / NG3K. The pot was \$55.00. Eric kept \$5.00 and donated back the rest of his winnings to the club, leaving \$ 50.00 for the "Prince Fredrick Project".

ACS:

ARES: ARES Coordinator Eric / NG3K reports:

- 1.) The SET (Simulated Emergency Test) is scheduled for the first Saturday in November (11/07/15).
- 2.) Shawn / N3AE, Ed / WB6NCO, and Eric / NG3K met with the CEO of the Calvert Memorial Hospital in reference to setting up a link to the local Hospital Net and the EOC. He was very enthusiastic to establish a HF, VHF, UHF station at the hospital Executive Operations Center. Shawn is working on a multi-step plan of Implementation.

RACES: RACES Coordinator Bill / N3XMZ reports:

- 1.) The CALVEX rehearsal went well.
- 2.) The county has received a new badge machine. Those needing ID badges can now be processed.
- 3.) The replacement for the Super Station Master antenna at Mt. Hope is on hand and awaiting approval for installation from American Tower.
- 4.) A tower is planned for the new EOC.

Nominating Committee: The 2016 elections will be held at the November meeting. The following are the 2015 Nominating Committee: Peter / KB3XMB, Shawn / N3AE, and Steve / N3IPN. Anyone wishing to run for an office in the club should contact one of the committee members.

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CARA vests and System Fusion T-shirts are still available. See Bob / N3PPH to purchase them.

NEW BUSINESS:

It is proposed that we send out postcards to new hams in our area. A discussion ensued to get information on new hams in the area. A motion to send out postcards to new hams in the area passed unanimously.

Need a volunteer to be Cookie Monster at our September meeting.