

## CARA Meeting Minutes - January 2016

The January, 2016 meeting was called to order by our new President, Ed Noell / KC3EN at 7:37 pm. There were 13 members and one visitor in attendance. Our visitor was Paul Reilly of Owings, who is looking to become licensed.

Our President took a few moments to outline some plans for the new year. Among his proposals were:

- > One half of the meeting to be devoted to business
- > One half of the meeting to be devoted to demos, Q&A sessions, operating activities. or other programs.
- > Guest Speakers

Following Ed's Introductory comments, the attendees introduced themselves.

### Education Committee:

The **minutes** for the November, 2015 meeting were approved as posted on the website.

### Treasurer's Report:

**General Fund Balance:** \$1,178.30

#### Prince Fredrick Project:

**Total Donations:** \$ 8,507.00

**Total Spent:** \$ 7,446.91 (Inc. some spent in 1014)

**Fund Balance:** \$ 2,340.09

**Audit:** [Audit Committee: Les / N3YR, Don / KR3A, Chip / K3AWD]

The 2015 books were turned over to the Audit Committee by the Treasurer (Dick / W3RBR). The membership voted to accept the Treasurer's information.

**Board Meeting:** No Board Meeting was held prior to the meeting. New Board Meetings will be held at the Prince Frederick Library.

### Committee Reports:

#### AUXCOM (RACES & ARES):

- 1.) The Month of December was a quiet month with little to report.
- 2.) An AuXCOM Hospital Drill was being held while the meeting is being held, linking hospitals in Calvert, P.G., and St. Mary's Counties.
- 3.) **AUXCOM net has moved from Thursdays @ 8:30 PM to Mondays immediately following the CARA Net. The net will be held on the 2 M repeater and moved to HF, 6M, or 440 MHz repeater for training**
- 4.) Peter / KB3SXB reports that the tower and antennas at the EOC in southern Calvert County.

**Repeater Committee:** Dave / W3PQS reports:

- 1.) APRS has been turned off to reduce interference to the 2 M repeater.
- 2.) Repeater Committee is purchasing a rack to house the 2M repeater

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equipment similar to the one in Prince Fredrick.

- 3.) The MSR2000 repeater will be put in service while the Yeasu repeater is integrated with the new controller and link equipment.
- 4.) Link Frequencies have been assigned by TMARC.
- 5.) 440 MHz link radios need to be purchased.
- 6.) APRS equipment may be moved to at the PF site. APRS discussion ensued.

**-- BREAK --**

**The 50-50 Drawing** was won by Chip / K3AWD. He kept \$5.00 and donated back the rest of his winnings for a total of \$34.00.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Nominations For Committies:**

**Repeater Committee:** Dave / W3PQS, Chuck / AA3CS, Bill / K3XMZ, Eric / WG3K, Ron / WA4PRR

**Field Day Committee:** Monica / KC3DAS, Dave / W3PQS, Chip / K3AWD, Eric / WG3K, Steve / N3IPN

**Station Committee:** Shawn / N3AE (Trustee)  
Volunteers Needed

**Fund Raising Committee:** Volunteers Needed

**Inventory Committee:** Volunteers Needed

**Public Relations Committee:** Volunteers Needed

**Special Events Committee:** Volunteers Needed

**Field Day** sites were discussed with suggestions of possibly using a National Park or a site in Calvert County (Broomes Island or Drum Point Pavillion?). The Field Day Committee will investigate sites. Winter Field Day was also discussed.

Eric / NG3K proposed that the club provide License Manuals to the Calvert County Libraries and possibly the High Schools. It was decided that we will investigate purchasing the manuals and promotional materials for the schools and libraries.

Meeting was adjourned @ 9:28 PM.