

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.

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 2014)

Fund Balance: \$ 2,340.09

Audit: [Audit Committee: Les / KH6CUJ, 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.

Committee Reports:

AUXCOMM (RACES & ARES):

- 1.) The Month of December was a quiet month with little to report.
- 2.) An AuXCOMM Hospital Drill was being held while the meeting is being held, linking hospitals in Calvert, P.G., and St. Mary's Counties.
- 3.) **AUXCOMM 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, reported the tower, donated by CARA in 2015, has been installed and a VHF/UHF antenna has been mounted atop the structure at the Drum Point POA office.

Repeater Committee: Dave / W3PQS reports:

- 1.) APRS has been turned off to reduce interference to the 2 M repeater.
- 2.) The MSR2000 repeater will be put in service while the Yeasu repeater is integrated with the new controller and link equipment.
- 3.) Link Frequencies have been assigned by TMARC.

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- 4.) 440 MHz link radios need to be purchased.
- 5.) APRS equipment may be moved to at the PF site. APRS discussion ensued.

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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:

2016 Committee Members:

Repeater Committee: Bob / N3PPH
Chuck / AA3CS
Bill / N3XMZ
Eric / WG3K
Ron / WA4PRR

Field Day Committee: Dave / KB3RAN
Chip / K3AWD
Eric / WG3K
Steve / N3IPN

Station Committee: Shawn / N3AE (Chairman)
Don / KR3A (Trustee)
Volunteers Needed

Fund Raising Committee: Volunteers Needed

Inventory Committee: Chip / K3AWD
Don / KR3A

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 / WG3K 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.