

CARA Meeting Minutes - February 2016

Prior to the meeting, Ron / WA4PRR CARA Secretary reminded members that the meetings were recorded to supplement his notes taken during the meetings. All recordings are erased following the approval of the previous meeting minutes.

The February, 2016 meeting was called to order by our President, Ed Noell / KC3EN at 7:50 pm. There were 14 members in attendance.

As the first order of business, our president asked the members present if they had read the e-mail from Bob / N3PPH that was copied to the ARRL and the county. Ed then asked for a show of hands of those who wanted him to continue in office. All but two members present voted for him to continue in office. Ed then tendered his resignation. At the request of several members, our president continued the meeting continued to complete business and discussions. The president's resignation was not accepted by the board and a majority of the members present.

Treasurer's Report: Our bank balance was reported to be \$ 4,732.42

General Fund : \$ 2,392.33

Prince Fredrick Project: \$ 2,340.09

The Treasurer's Report was accepted by unanimous vote.

Board of Directors Meetings: The results of the Board Meetings are as follows:

Special Board Meeting:

1. The meeting was called to discuss with the board certain ambiguities in the by-laws concerning the Repeater Committee and the duties and authority of the president.
2. Possible changes to the By-laws regarding the repeater committee were discussed.

Executive Board Meeting:

An issue, brought up by another member of the board, and as it regards a personnel issue with one of the membership. No resolution was reached.

Following the Board of Directors report, a round-table discussion was held by the members present on the subjects of the repeater and the recent spate of unpleasant confrontations and emails sent to the board of directors, membership, the ARRL, and a Calvert County representative. Each member was given an opportunity to speak on the subject and ask questions to clarify the situation.

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Following our discussion of past events, Monica Noell / KC3DAS, spoke to the assembled members as to the reasons for submitting her resignation from the club to the Board Of Directors. It was moved and seconded that she remain a member. **The vote of the membership present** was for Monica remain a member.

Old Business:

Paul Reilly (visitor last month) sent a report (via Ed / KC3EN) on his efforts to assist in determining which ham radio manuals are desired by the county to be placed in the public schools and libraries. He is studying for his license as he has time. Paul also offered the use of two generators for field day, if needed.

New Business:

Eric / WG3K also sent a report (via Ed / KC3EN) that the Prince Fredrick library has requested that the club furnish a informational display on ham radio. It was moved and seconded that our Field Day Information display be loaned to the Library. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Steve / N3IPN proposed a club project - building simple transceivers for the 40 Meter CW segment (7.023 - 7.026 MHz). The kit is known as a Pixie II and costs about \$15.00 each. Four or five members have already have expressed an interest in building the kits.

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[no 50 -50 drawing was held]

Field Day: Peter / KB3SXB investigated Drum Point as the site for our 2016 Field Day operation. Following a discussion, it was moved and seconded that we hold the CARA Field Day at at the Drum Point location. The motion passed unanimously. The \$150.00 fee and the rental contract will be sent by the Treasurer.

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The president received a e-mail from Boz at the St. Mary's club asking if we could assist in the "Cubboree" at King's Landing park. Following a discussion, it was decided that we need to clarify the needs and requirements to assist in this activity.

Audit Committee: The Audit Committee requested additional time to complete the audit of club funds and assets. The request was granted. A preliminary report was received from the committee. A discussion was held to clarify how the audit will be conducted. A report will be presented at the March general meeting.

Equipment Inventory: The equipment inventory was discussed briefly. Shawn N3AE, Peter / KB3SXB, and Bill / N3XMZ.

AUXCOMM: Bill / N3XMZ reported that there would be a COMEX (Communication Exercise) at 19:30 local on February 9th. Bill reported on the upcoming drill in PG county.

A discussion on the committees was held to define how committees are formed.

Minutes: Revision 5 of the January Meeting Minutes was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10 pm..