

## **CARA Meeting Minutes - August, 2016**

The August, 2016 CARA Business Meeting was called to order by our Secretary, Ron Byzet / WA4PRR at 7:35 pm. This was necessitated by the recent (August 2nd) resignations of the CARA President, Ed Noell / KC3EN and Vice-President, Eric Christensen / WG3K.

Shawn Donley / N3AE agreed to take the minutes normally recorded by the Secretary.

There were 9 members in attendance. The meeting attendees introduced themselves.

A GET WELL SOON card was signed by those present for Les / KH6CUJ, wishing him a quick recovery from his stroke. Jim / K3UGA will deliver or mail the card to him.

The August meeting was intended to be a Regular Meeting with a hands-on look at the new DR-1X repeater and Arcom controller. But due to the recent resignations (and the fact that the DR-1X and Arcom controller are now installed at the Prince Frederick site), a business meeting was conducted. The repeater show-and-tell will likely happen at the September meeting using the older DR-1 repeater.

Several members strongly recommended that copies of the President's and Vice President's letters of resignation be promptly removed from the CARA web site. Ron agreed that posting them on the public site was a lapse in judgement, and he would remove them. They are available upon request from the Secretary.

After some discussion, it was agreed that, per the By-Laws, a Special Meeting would be called on August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM to elect an interim President and Vice-President who would serve for the remainder of 2016. Normal elections for 2017 will still occur during the November 2016 General Meeting.

The current nomination committee, Shawn / N3AE, Bill / N3XMZ and Steve / N3IPN were tasked to solicit nominations prior to the August 18th special meeting. Nominations can still be made at that meeting prior to the

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vote. It is possible that some of the current CARA officers may wish to be considered for the President or Vice President, so there may be vacancies in Treasurer, Secretary or Director that will need to be filled as well during the August 18 special meeting.

Bill / N3XMZ and Bob / KF3AA volunteered to contact Ed / KC3EN and arrange a time for removal of CARA property in storage in his garage per his wishes. It was unclear what specific items there may be beyond a 30 qt coffee pot, Field Day power panel, and a large rack. Where to store this gear (especially the rack) remains to be determined.

### **Minutes:**

The July meeting Minutes were not presented, and will be presented at the next Business Meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Our Treasure reports that we have a General Fund Balance of \$4,088.83. The Treasurer, Dick / W3RBR, reported this figure as part of the repeater discussion.

### **Board of Directors Report:**

Ron / WA4PRR reported on the resignation of CARA's President and Vice-President. Both letters of resignation were read to the members present.

Eric / WG3K reported by e-mail, that he had delivered the ARRL books that the club purchased for the Calvert County Library. A sticker will be attached by the library inside the cover of each book with CARA's donation and our club website address.

### **AUXCOM (ARES / RACES):**

**ARES:** No report.

**RACES:** No report.

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**50/50 Drawing:** No drawing was held.

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Our August **Cookie Monster** was Shawn / N3AE.

### **Repeater Committee:**

Ron / WA4PRR, Steve / N3IPN, and Bill / N3XMZ discussed the need to purchase a power strip to clean up the repeater installation at Mt. Hope, as well as two duplexers (2 M / 70 cm) for the Prince Frederick and Mt Hope sites. The duplexer at Prince Frederick is need to allow the 2M antenna to be shared by the soon-to-be-installed 2 Meter digipeater (for Winlink) and the 440 MHz link between the repeater sites. (Note: The 2 M antenna at Prince Frederick is also resonant and usable on 440 MHz.) The other duplexer is needed at Mt Hope for a future link / control.

After considerable discussion, Jim / K3UGA made motion that the CARA budget be revised to authorize immediate purchase of one power strip ( ~ \$29.99) and two duplexers (~ \$59.95 each). The motion passed.

It was decided to table any other budget change or expenditure decisions until the current Board vacancies are filled.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:45 pm.