

CARA Meeting Minutes - January 2017

The January, 2017 meeting was called to order by our Vice-President, Bill / N3XMZ at approximately 7:37 pm. At the opening of the meeting, our presiding officer led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 11 members in attendance.

JANUARY MEETING ATTENDEES			
Dick / W3RBR - Treasurer	Ron / WA4PRR - Secretary	Bill / N3XMZ -Vice-President	N3IPN / Steve - Director
Bob / KF3AA	Monica / KC3DAS	Les / N3YR	John / N3EDD
Don / KR3A	Peter / KB3SXB	Shawn / N3AE	

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

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund Balance: \$ 3,716.92

The membership voted to accept the Treasurer's report.

Board Meeting:

The CARA Board of Directors met on December, 27th. at the Prince Frederick I-Hop. The topics discussed were:

A.) 2017 Committee Members: To be posted on the website.

B.) 2017 Upcoming Events:

- 1.) Technician Class April – June Location and time TBA Steve Hempling N3IPN instructor
- 2.) Historic Ships Weekend was 0000Z June 4 through 2359Z June 5, 2016 Am sending for 2017 dates.
- 3.) **Field Day** is always the fourth full weekend of June, beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and running through 2059 UTC Sunday. **Field Day 2017** is June 24-25. www.arrl.org/field-day
- 4.) **MD QSO Party will be 12-13 August 2017.** <http://mdcqsoparty.w3vpr.org/>
- 5.) Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend **3rd Full Weekend in August since 1998** 00.01UTC 19 August to 2400UTC 20 August 2017 (48 hours) <http://lighthouse-weekend.international/>
- 6.) CFC Bike Ride October
- 7.) Holiday Party Mt Hope hall reserved for Dec 16. Location/date may change upon later determination.
- 8.) Other suggested activities:
 - Radio/TV Museum at Bowie visit
 - Historical Radio Museum at Linthicum visit
 - NavAir Museum at Patuxent River Naval Air Station visit

C.) Board Executive Session: The Board went into an Executive Session to discuss a written complaint against a member submitted to the board.. Matter tabled. Letter to be sent to complainant.

Committee Reports:

Audit Committee: The Audit Committee is awaiting the receipt of the books from our treasurer.

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Repeater Committee: A short repeater committee report was presented by members of the committee. A copy of the written report sent to the membership on the e-mail reflector. A copy is attached.

Old Business:

Code Of Civility: The proposed By-Law changes to incorporate the Code Of Civility was presented. Due to the timing of the distribution to the membership, the vote on the change will be done at our next meeting.

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Station Committee:

A.) The Station Committee consists of Don / KR3A, Shawn / N3AE, Steve / N3IPN, and Jim / K3UGA.

B.) The station work accomplished:

- 1.) Added the CAT control to the Kenwood TS-440 and repaired the internal tuner.
- 2.) Reorganized storage of the equipment in the station.
- 3.) The Digipeater at Mt. Hope (K3CAL-1) is operational on an antenna mounted on the roof of the building.
- 4.) K3 computer control not working. The interface cable was changed but the computer was bad.
- 5.) The Echolink system was checked out by Steve / N3IPN. It is being installed at Peter's.
- 6.) Access to the club station is not secure. There are several keys unaccounted for and may be in the hands of non-members. Actions to remedy this was discussed.
- 7.) An assessment of the antennas at the club station antennas will be done sometime in the early spring. A discussion of what to do about the antennas was held.

New Business:

The PNC Bank will begin to charge fees for using our bank account. A discussion was held on finding a new banking institution that will not charge us excessive fees on our account.

Newsletter: Monica / KC3DAS agreed to edit a newsletter again. She will need input from the members to have enough material.

Technician Class: A Technician Class will begin in March on Wednesdays for 10 weeks. The class will be held in the old SMECO building. A discussion on the class was held. A budget amendment was approved for the purchase of instructor's manuals not to exceed \$50.00.

Echolink: Steve / N3IPN is working on an Echolink interface for the K3CAL repeater. He discussed what had been done and what was left to do.

The 50-50 Drawing was won by Les / N3YR. He kept \$ 10.00 and donated \$ 19.00 to the club.

Meeting was adjourned @ 9:15 PM.