

## CARA Meeting Minutes - April, 2017

The April, 2017 CARA Quarterly Business Meeting was called to order by our President, Dave / KB3RAN at approximately 7:30 pm. There were 12 members in attendance.

| APRIL MEETING ATTENDEES   |                          |                          |              |
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| Dave / KB3RAN - President | Dick / W3RBR - Treasurer | Ron / WA4PRR - Secretary | N3XMZ / Bill |
| Steve / N3IPN - Director  | Monica / KC3DAS          | Jim / K3UGA              | KF3AA / Bob  |
| Shawn / N3AE              | Don / KR3A               | Peter / KB3SXB           | Tom / KB2BCG |

Our president led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to begin the meeting.

**Meeting Minutes:** The meeting minutes for the January, February, and March meetings were posted to the website. Printed copies were presented for those who had not already read them. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Our Treasurer reported:

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| Checking Balance:     | \$4,399.00               |
| Amazon Smiles Income: | \$ 22.58                 |
| Books for Ham Class:  | \$ 24.71                 |
| P.O. Box Charge:      | \$ 40.00 (not yet paid)  |
| Liability Insurance   | \$ 200.00 (not yet paid) |

**Board Meeting:** Dave / KB3RAN reported that the Board discussed finding speakers for our non-business meetings. A list to be presented at the meeting. Also discussed was the Historic Ships operations.

### Old Business:

**Club Credit Card:** The proposal for a club credit card was discussed. Because our income probably would not qualify for a credit card, it was proposed that we obtain a debit card instead. The use of a debit card will streamline the necessary club purchases made online. The matter was referred to the Board.

**Ham Class:** Steve / N3IPN discussed the Technician Class which started on March 29. The class is at the old SMECO building at 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm. There are four students enrolled at this time.

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**Station Committee:** Don / KR3A and Shawn / N3AE reported that the vertical antenna on the roof needs some work. The antenna needs some guy ropes to reduce the sway from the winds and the radials should be secured to keep them properly stretched out. Adding a Delta Loop antenna was also discussed to improve 80 and 40 Meter operations. Computer modeling is being done.

**Inventory Committee:** Jim / K3UGA had no report. Ron / WA4PRR delivered to Jim an up-dated inventory list and CARA equipment tags.

**Field Day:** (June 24 & 25) Several possible locations were investigated. After checking with Kings Landing and other suggested locations, it was decided that the best available site would be the Harriet Brown Community Center in Broomes Island. This site was approved by the membership and is being reserved.

Volunteers for the Field Day Committee are needed to join Dave / KB3RAN and Monica / KC3DAS to plan our outing.

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The Cookie Monster for the April meeting was Don / KR3A. Homemade lemon bars and cookies made by Chris Kirby!

**50/50 Drawing:** The 50/50 Drawing was won by Dick / W3RBR. Dick donated his portion of the pot to the club treasury.

**CARA Business Cards:** The printing of CARA business cards to be used by the membership as a recruiting aid was discussed. The cards will have contact information (website, etc.), which can be used from year-to-year. The membership approved a motion to budget \$30.00 to purchase one thousand cards. A final design will be approved by the board.

**Member Application:** A New Member Application was received in October of last year from Bob Sheskin / N3PPH. After discussion, it was decided by a membership vote to delay accepting his application for 6 months as a "cooling off period". Since this interval has expired, the members present decided by vote that he may re-apply for CARA membership, if he so desires. CARA Secretary Ron / WA4PRR will send notification and a New Member Application by mail.

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**Museum Ships Weekend:** Although the present Maryland Dove is not a Historic Ship, but a Replica ship of the original Dove, our club voted to join with the St. Mary's club to operate from the areas joining the Dove during the weekend of June 3rd and 4th. This event will be a publicity and social event for both clubs as well as a chance for us to prepare for Field Day. Details will be posted on the website.

**AUXCOM:** Shawn / N3AE reported that the next AUXCOM meeting will be for additional checkout of packet equipment. Anyone needing packet equipment checked should bring it to the Tuesday, April 18th meeting at 7:30 PM.

**CARA Library Display:** Monica / KC3DAS reports that a planned display in the Prince Frederick Library will be on ham radio and our club's activities to support emergency and public services. Items to help fill out this display were volunteered by some members.

### **New Business:**

A **Volunteer Speaker List** from the ARRL Section was passed around for members to decide the type of speakers we would like to have at some of our meetings.

1.) Our guest speaker for our June meeting will be Mike Martin, K3RFI, owner of [RFI Services](#). He will speak on power line and other interference.

2.) Our September meeting is planned to be an auction of excess club equipment and any equipment that members might sell, with a percentage going to the club. More details will be forthcoming.

**CARA Holiday Party:** Our annual CARA Holiday Party will be held at the Mt. Hope Community Center on December 16th. This date and place was approved by a vote of our membership present. Party details will be available at a later date.

The Cookie Monster for our May Meeting will be Steve / N3IPN.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:27 pm.