

CARA Meeting Minutes - May, 2017

The May, 2017 CARA General Meeting was called to order by our Secretary, Ron / WA4PRR at approximately 7:35 pm. Our Vice-President arrived later and ran the meeting in the absence of our President, who was out of town.

There were 9 members in attendance.

MAY MEETING ATTENDEES			
N3XMZ / Bill -Vice President	Dick / W3RBR - Treasurer	Ron / WA4PRR - Secretary	Steve / N3IPN - Director
Shawn / N3AE	Don / KR3A	Jim / K3UGA	KF3AA / Bob
Tom / KB2BCG			

Board Meeting: The Board discussed the following at our meeting:

- A.) Field Day Plans were discussed. The location will be at the Broomes Island Community Center. The Field Day Committee needs volunteers to coordinate food, antennas, stations, and safety.
- B.) Museum Ships Weekend will be supported with the St. Mary's club. (June 2 - 4)
- C.) A refresh for the club Facebook, QRZ, and web pages was discussed.
- D.) Inventory lists and property stickers were provided to Jim / K3UGA in support of the 2017 inventory effort.

Member Application: Since the "cooling off period" for Bob / N3PPH had expired, the CARA Secretary Ron / WA4PRR sent him a letter and a New Member Application by mail. One member objected to the tone of the letter. A copy of the letter is attached.

Repeater Committee: The Prince Frederick programing has been updated. The packet repeater control needs some work to correct a functional problem. The packet system remains operational.

Shawn / N3AE has requested that the K3CAL-1 packet equipment be moved into the repeater shelter and put on the tower dual band antenna to increase its range. This will be scheduled this month.

Mt. Hope community center will be closing from May 15th through July 10th for the installation of a new county tower. There will be no access to the Mt. Hope facility during these dates. All repeater or station work and Field Day equipment moves must be done before the closure!

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CARA Library Display: Monica / KC3DAS sent a report that the CARA display in the Prince Frederick Library on ham radio and our club's activities to support emergency and public services is now on display near the entrance to the library.

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

Field Day: (June 24 & 25) The site will be the Broomes Island Community Center, which has been reserved. We plan to run at least a 3A effort this year. Volunteers for the Field Day Committee are needed to join Dave / KB3RAN and Monica / KC3DAS to plan our outing. More details will be posted on the reflector and website.

Museum Ships Weekend: Although the present Maryland Dove is not a Historic Ship, but a Replica ship of the original Dove, our club will join with the St. Mary's club to operate from the area near 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.

Maryland QSO Party: Since the Mt. Hope Station will not be open to support the upcoming Maryland QSO Party, a new location must be selected if we want to operate this event.

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The Cookie Monster for the May meeting was Steve / N3IPN. Good cookies and brownie snacks!

50/50 Drawing: The 50/50 Drawing was won by Shawn / N3AE. Shawn took \$5.00 and the remaining \$11.00 went to the club.

AUXCOM: Shawn / N3AE reported that the next AUXCOM meeting will be cancelled. Instead, a net will be at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, May 10th using the K3CAL 2 Meter repeater. Voice communications will be used to coordinate packet connections on 145.750.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:08 pm.

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April 9, 2017

Bob,

Your six month "cooling off" period has been completed. At our April meeting, the membership present requested that I inform you of this.

If you wish to join CARA as a new member, you need to complete the enclosed application form and return it with your dues. Your application will be put up for a vote at the meeting following the receipt of your application.

The entire membership has completed a new form agreeing with the provisions on the reverse side of the application enclosed.

If you have posted any derogatory comments about CARA or it's members, it is requested that you have them removed.

73,

Ron Byzet / WA4PRR
Secretary, CARA inc.

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