

## CARA Meeting Minutes - November, 2017

The November, 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   |                              |                          |                          |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Dave / KB3RAN - President | Bill / N3XMZ -Vice President | Ron / WA4PRR - Secretary | Steve / N3IPN - Director |
| Dick / W3RBR - Treasurer  | Andy / WA4BRX                | Ed / KC3EN               | Tom / KB2BCG             |
| Shawn / N3AE              | Don / KR3A                   | Jim / K3UGA              | Bob / KF3AA              |

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

**Board Meeting:** Dave / KB3RAN reported at the CARA Board OCT 24,2017:

- 1.> Display Case at Solomons Library will be removed on Oct 30.
- 2.> K3CAL QRZ page. Brian Kress KB3WV is administrator (inactive member) He wants to protect page and has already updated page to forward inquiries to our webpage. So, page does not have much except webpage address referral.
- 3.> Facebook page: K3CAL Calvert Amateur Radio Association Inc page is active and has a few followers. President updates page often with club news, events, reports and other interesting radio related items. There is an older page: Calvert Amateur Radio Association administered by Jack Estevez that is outdated and incorrect. It needs to be brought up to date or removed.
- 4.> Business Cards: 500 cards bought and received. Reports are cards look good.
- 5.> Holiday Party: Steve N3IPN is food coordinator. Start list of food being brought to potluck. Jim (MDC EC) and Wanda (Hospital Net Control) Montgomery will present about their Alaska Trip this summer and on the MD SET Exercise. Bring out club shirts to sell. Open House in radio room? Invite inactive and former members to party. Postcards sent to recently inactive members.
- 6.> Friday night club dinner on Oct 27 at Brick Woodfired Bistro. Report on dinner.
- 7.> Rohm Tower sections for sale. Given to Bill Hackett, stored at Shawn Donley's. Need to go.
- 8.> Club hat. Jim K3UGA has found a supplier of embroidered hats, shirts,

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jackets. Do you want to order one?

9.> Repeater: Need long range planning committee to determine goals, direction for repeaters. Plans to include linking, digital and packet plans.

10.> Property Committee: We need plan to determine which gear in inventory to be retained, sold, recycled or donated.

**Nomination Committee:** The 2017 slate of officers of CARA agreed to serve during the 2018 year. No other members volunteered to run for office. The current officers were asked to serve during the next by a unanimous vote of the members present.

**Meeting Minutes:** The meeting minutes for the August, September, and October meetings were posted to the website and e-mailed to the membership. After some corrections to the September minutes, the minutes were approved by a vote of the members present.

**Treasurer's Report:** Our Treasurer, Dick / W3RBR, reports a balance of \$4,659.30 in the checking account. The only outstanding debt is for the business cards ordered by Dave / KB3RAN.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Station Committee:** Shawn / N3AE reports that there is a new computer for the station that needs a property sticker.

**Repeater Committee:** Ron / WA4PRR and Steve / N3IPN led a short discussion of the MOVE plans for the Mt. Hope repeater.

Tom / KC2BCG has joined the Repeater Committee. He will assist in the ARCOM controller programming and checkout.

**AUXCOM:** Shawn / N3AE reported that he is working on the simplex communications report. See the AUXCOM site for more information.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Library Display:** The CARA Display in the Solomons Island Library was removed by Dave / KB3RAN on September 30th. While Dave was removing the display, a fellow came up and asked how he could get a license. This is what the display was for!

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**CARA QRZ and Old Facebook Pages:** Dave / KB3RAN reports that the CARA QRZ Page has been updated with current information and multiple references to our website by Brian Kress / KB3WFV.

Old Facebook Page, which is owned by Jack Estevez, still contains negative comments about CARA. Dave / KB3RAN is working to get it down.

**Holiday Party:** Steve / N3IPN is working on the food for the party. Members will bring deserts and we will furnish drinks. It was moved and seconded that we have the entree be catered by a local store / restaurant. The motion passed.

Club shirts will be available at the party.

The party will begin at 5:00 pm with setup at 4:00 pm.

Program for the party will be Jim and Wanda Montgomery will talk about their Alaska trip and will report on the recent SET.

**Friday Dinner:** Four couples at the dinner. A good time was had by all.

**Club Tower:** The old Rohn 45 tower from Mt. Hope is abatable for purchase by making a donation to the club. It is being stored by Shawn / N3AE.

**Website FOR SALE Page:** There will be a page on the website for selling excess equipment and for ADS for members to sell Ham items.

**Station Equipment:** It was proposed that the club sell the K3 transceiver and the Kenwood 440 radio and purchase a Kenwood 2000 for the station. Discussion tabled.

**Club Hat:** Jim / K3UGA showed a proposed hat for \$14.00 per hat (plus shipping). It was moved that we investigate the local source for hats with our CARA logo on them.

**CARA BUSINESS CARDS:** Dave / KB3RAN has received the CARA Business cards. Cards were provided to those members who desired them.

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**50/50 Drawing:** The 50/50 Drawing was won by Dick / -. He donated his part or the pot to the club treasury for a total of \$ 21.00.

**Cookie Monster:** The cookie Monster for January will be Chris Kirby.

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**2017 Program Chairman:** Programs are needed for the 2018 meetings. No volunteers. January and February meetings will have programs on the Raspberry Pie single board computers led by Tom / KC2BCG.

**2018 Audit Committee:** The books for 2017 need to be audited. Don /KR3AA, Tom / KC2BCG and Shawn / N3AE form the Audit Committee.

**2018 CARA Budget:** It was moved that the 2018 budget be the same as the 2017 budget.

**Infrastructure Planning Committee:** The committee will consist of the RACES & ARES (AUXCOM) officers, Repeater Committee, and others to make a 6 month plan on our goals for how we go about using our equipment.

**Property Committee:** Identify what property can be disposed of if it is not being used. (Mostly untagged equipment.). Post on the website the items to be sold.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 pm.