

CARA Meeting Minutes - February 2018

The February, 2017 meeting was called to order by our Vice-President, Bill / N3XMZ at approximately 7:38 pm. At the opening of the meeting, our presiding officer led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 9 members in attendance.

FEBRUARY MEETING ATTENDEES			
Dick / W3RBR - Treasurer	Ron / WA4PRR - Secretary	Bill / N3XMZ -Vice-President	John / N3EDD
Tom / KB2BCG	Shawn / N3AE	Monica / KC3DAS	Peter / KB3SXB
Don / KR3A			

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund Balance: \$ 4,659.30

The membership voted to accept the Treasurer's report.

2018 Budget: The budget for 2018 will remain the same as the 2017 budget.

Board Meeting: There was a short Board Meeting held prior to the meeting.

- 1>. Ron / WA4PRR gave a repeater report requesting the purchase of two power controllers to allow the remote shutdown of the repeater power in case of a failure.
- 2>. A discussion on increasing membership was held. The board members will be reaching out to past members and new / unaffiliated hams in the county.
- 3> Discussed the need for additional memory be our purchased for the website to have additional room for expanded pages.

Shawn / N3AE reported that the second rarest DX entity is Bouvet Island. A DX expedition is preparing put it on the air soon. (The rarest DX country is North Korea .)

Shawn also reported that there will be a Region 5 Hospital Drill on May 3rd. Operations from Calvert Hospital are being planned. See the AUXCOM website for more information.

Audit Committee: The Audit Committee received the necessary information from our treasurer and will report on the audit of the CARA books for 2017. The report from the committee is pending.

Old Business:

Website Failure: Ron / WA4PRR reported the failure of the website to accept changes was finally traced to the lack of memory on the web host. The pages added overtaxed the memory space on the server. He recommends that additional space be purchased to allow expansion of the content of the site.

Repeater Committee: The repeater link ID problems were discussed and a fix is in the works. The repeater lock-up problems (experienced twice at Mt. Hope) were discussed. The need for a positive way to shut-down the repeater without a site visit once we move to the new shelter was also discussed. A recommended solution was presented to the members present. Further information will be provided before Implementation.

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-- BREAK --

Really good cookies from our Cookie Monster Don /KR3A's XYL were devoured.

The 50-50 Drawing - No drawing was held this meeting,

New Business:

2018 Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee for 2018 requires three non-board members. Monica / KC3DAS and Peter / KB3SXB agreed to serve. One more member is needed.

Repeater: Following further discussions during the break, a motion was made and seconded that a maximum of \$500.00 be authorized by the membership for a positive control solution for both repeaters.

The 2018 budget was modified to allow for the repeater upgrades.

One of our members is departing for the wild west. Tom Rozenbroek / KB2BCG and family will be moving to Montana at the end of the month. He will be missed.

Meeting was adjourned @ 9:05

Rev. 1 - Change in Audit Committee report status.