

CARA Meeting Minutes - March 2018

The March, 2018 meeting was called to order by our President, Dave / KB3RAN at approximately 7:39 pm. At the opening of the meeting, our President led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 12 members in attendance.

MARCHh MEETING ATTENDEES			
Dave / KB3RAN - President	Bill / N3XMZ -Vice President	Ron / WA4PRR - Secretary	Dick / W3RBR - Treasurer
Steve / N3IPN - Director	MONICA / KC3DAS	Ed / KC3EN	Tom / KB2BCG
Shawn / N3AE	Don / KR3A	John / N3EDD	Dan / WW3N

BOARD MEETING: The CARA Board met at the IHOP in Prince Frederick on February 26th at 7:30 PM. The following was discussed:

- 1.> Holiday Party bills were discussed. They will be given to the Treasurer at the meeting.
- 2.> The repeater control changes were discussed. A cheaper alternative was discussed and we will try an alternative control scheme as a trial.
- 3.> Meeting Program will be the construction of a ROV submersible camera platform. Dave / KB3RAN will lead.
- 4.> ARES NVIS Antenna Test will be held on March 28th from 10 AM through 4PM at the Ranch Club Airport.
- 5.> Dave / KB3RAN will be traveling in Alaska during June, July, and August.

OLD BUSINESS:

2017 HOLIDAY PARTY: Steve / N3IPN presented the bills for the bill for the Holiday Party with supporting receipts to our treasurer.

REPEATER: Ron / WA4PRR and Steve / N3IPN gave a short report on the repeater control plans. Following some discussion of the failure modes of the Mt. Hope repeater, a suggestion from Dave / W3PQS to utilize the third port on the ARCOM controller to accept commands from the command receiver. If this plan is successful during a repeater lock-up, the original plan of using an external command decoder will be abandoned. The command radios (Kenwood TK-880) and the interface cables (Kenwood KCT-19) have been received.

2017 Audit: Completed but needs Peter KB3SXB signature. Payments made for the website and the PO Box were donated by our Treasurer Dick / W3RBR.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The Nominating Committee for 2018 requires three non-board members. Monica / KC3DAS, Peter / KB3SXB, and Dave / N3PQS agreed to serve.

NEW BUSINESS:

DONATION: Tom / KB2BCG donated a 4kW gas generator to club. Monica will store it at her QTH. Thank you, Tom for your generous (no pun intended) gift!

FIELD DAY: The 2018 Field Day Committee consists of Monica / KC3DAS, Steve / N3IPN, and Dan / WW3N. Other volunteers are needed to make Field Day a success.

Several locations were discussed like Double Oak at ACLT, Drum Point Club, Broomes Island, and St Leonard Fire Dept. Consensus was to stay at Broomes Island. Dave / KB3RAN will communicate with Dick Terlisner / AE3DT to proceed with making a reservation for June 23-24, 2018.

Letters and E-mails will be sent to various government and press representatives.

2018 HOLIDAY PARTY: A reservation was made at Mt Hope for Dec 22, 2018. Tabled until April to decide if we want to keep this or find different venue.

AUXCOM: Shawn / N3AE reported on the upcoming Annual Ohio ARES NVIS Antenna Day to be held on March 28th from 10 AM through 4PM at the Ranch Club Airport. A move of the ECHO Link interface to the Courthouse was discussed.

APRIL COOKIE MONSTER: Shawn / N3AE.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM. A cookie break was held following the meeting. Cookies were provided by our President.

Following the meeting, we proceeded to build **SeaPerch ROV kit**. Lots of interest and activity with soldering, cutting PVC, drilling PVC, and film canisters and populating components on a circuit board. We did not complete the build, but the frame (Assembly 1) was nearly done. Needed a couple more holes drilled. Will continue at the Wednesday lunch sessions or at a later meetings. We vacuumed the room and went home.