

**CARA MEETING MINUTES**  
**JUNE 7, 2018**  
**Harriet Elizabeth Brown Community Center**  
**Dares Beach Road**  
**Prince Frederick, MD 20678**

**NOTE: This was not a formal business meeting.**

**Meeting called to order at about 7:40 p.m. by Vice President Bill Hackett, N3XMZ**

**Members present:** Bill Hackett (N3XMZ), Dick Ratcliffe (W3RBR), Don Kirby (KR3A), Andy Byzet (WA4BRX), Peter Holt (KB3SXB), Peter Hughes (N3PH) (voted in as new member at this meeting), Dan Flynn (WW3N), Ed Noell (KC3EN), Monica Noell (KC3DAS), Bryan Kress (KB3WV), Shawn Donley (N3AE)

**Minutes from May 2018 Meeting:** May meeting minutes accepted as written.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Information about Ron Byzet, WA4PRR:** Andy reported that Ron is home and doing well. [As a followup to these minutes, Ron attended the Field Day meeting held on June 12 and is planning on attending Field Day.]

**June Board Meeting:** There was no Board Meeting held in June.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Club has \$5,126.32 in the bank. One check for \$100.00 is outstanding for controller radios for repeaters.

**Repeater:** Referring to Dave Weaver's (W3PQS) post of *June 1, 2018, 10:23a.m., Subject: Cara mount hope repeater*, Bill reported that CARA needs to buy software and programming cable for the work on the repeater. Andy (WA4BRX) reported that he has transferred all repeater info from his Dad's house (Ron, WA4PRR) to Mount Hope. Dave (W3PQS) tested the repeater with the Motorola in place. The cans are out of tune (but not by much). They are to be tuned. They did not have a Signal To Noise (SNR) meter to test any further. The problem with the Motorola was fixed.

**Update on State of Generator Donated to CARA by Tom Rozenbroek (KB2BCG):** Bryan (KB3WV) volunteered to fix the generator donated to the club by Tom Rozenbroek (KB2BCG). The generator is being picked up from Ed's garage by Shawn on Sunday, June 10, and being taken to Bryan for repair.

**Field Day:** Monica, KC3DAS, is holding a Field Day meeting on Tuesday, June 12, at the County Services Plaza, 150 Main Street, Prince Frederick, to discuss the progress of Field Day volunteers, equipment planned, and food. Field Day is June 23 and 24, 2018, and will be held at Broomes' Island with Richard Terlisner, AE3DT, as the point of contact for this community center. Dave, KB3RAN, has posted CARA's information and location for Field Day to ARRL. Dave will also not be attending Field Day because he will be out of town.

If you have questions about Field Day, please contact Monica through the club email address or at KC3DAS@comcast.net.

**Response from Library Display in Solomons:** Dave received an email from Peter Dodd, a member of the Navy Patuxent Sailing Club located on the naval air station at Pax River. Mr. Dodd had seen the Solomons Library display and sent CARA's president an email looking for help. The email was dated June 6, 2018. The email stated that the club is having VHF radio problems. They have a Marine VHF radio attached to a 60 foot mast. It has good reception but poor transmission. They would like to check out the condition of the antennae and connectors. Wire is RG8X with about 5 PL 259 type connectors. Despite numerous internet searches, Mr. Dodd is not making headway in finding out how to fix the problem. He saw the library display, which is what prompted him to contact CARA. He is looking for any help or assistance from any member of CARA. Dave (KB3RAN) did send Mr. Dodd's email to the CARA Board on June 7, 2018.

**BREAK at about 8:10 p.m. Coffee supplied by Don, KR3A. Cookies supplied by Monica and Ed.**

**DRAWING for 50-50 was won by Dick (W3RBR).**

**Meeting resumed about 8:30 p.m. but consisted mainly of informal discussion and not specifically formal club business.**

**Meeting adjourned about 9:00 p.m.**