

## CARA Meeting Minutes - SEPTEMBER, 2018

The September 2018 meeting was called to order by our President, Dave / KB3RAN at approximately 7:30 pm. At the opening of the meeting, our President led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 8 members in attendance. We had 2 guests: Adrienne Young / KG5SIL and Dennis Dakin (working on Tech) both from Chesapeake Ranch Estates

SEPTEMBER MEETING ATTENDEES			
Dave / KB3RAN - President	Ron / WA4PRR Secretary	Adrienne / KG3CIL	Andy / WA4BRX
Dick / AE3DT	Dennis Dakin / no call yet	Ed / KC3EN	Monica / KC#DAS

**BOARD MEETING:** The CARA Board met was held at the IHOP in Prince Frederick. The following was discussed:

- 1.> The condition of the repeater antennas was discussed, as well as their replacement.
- 2.> Website hosting problems discussed.
- 3.> Extra and Technician classes were discussed. A class will be scheduled later.

**MINUTES:** Corrections to the August minutes were submitted. The minutes will be revised.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Our Treasurer reported via Dave / KB3RAN that the checking balance was \$5,148.38.

**STATION COMMITTEE:** No report

**REPEATER:** Some work on both repeater sites is needed. The 2 meter Motorola repeater did not work for last week's net and we have antenna problems at Prince Frederick. We will need to spend some funds soon to get them on the air properly.

**WEBSITE:** Ron / WA4PRR reported that he still was unable to get into the back-end of the website in order to update the webmail requires access a password which needs resetting. He is working on a replacement host for the website.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The drop in membership was discussed. Ways to increase participation was discussed. Various committees were discussed.

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50-50 Drawing: No drawing was held.

### **BREAK**

**COOKIE MONSTER:** Andy / WA4BRX was Cookie Monster for September. The October Cookie Monster will be Monica / KC3DAS.

**LICENSE CLASSES:** Plans for a General class are coming along. Dick Terlisner / AE3DT has agreed to be lead instructor and is looking for segment instructors to help teach the Wednesday night classes starting October 3rd and running about 10 weeks. Location could be in Chesapeake Ranch Estates since 2 of our members looking for the General upgrade live there. Dave / KB3RAN will request a meeting location from the Property Owners Association of Chesapeake Ranch Estates (POACRE). Volunteer instructors so far are: Dick Terlisner / AE3DT, Andy Byzet / WA4BRX, and Dave / KB3RAN.

**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:** Open House at Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad and  
**1➤.** Fire Department: Saturday October 6 10 AM to 3 PM: We have Dave / KB3RAN, Monica / KC3DAS, Ed / KC3EN, a St Mary's ham friend, and Dennis Dakin.  
**2➤.** PRAD Parade Communications Support: Sun October 7 (12 PM to 3 PM) Dave / KB3RAN, Monica KC3DAS, Ed / KC3EN, Dennis Dakin have volunteered.  
**3➤.** There is some interest in doing some mountaintop ops. If interested, please a member of the Nominating Committee me or a board member know.  
Please consider helping out with the open house, PRAD, the General class or other events. Our volunteerism has decreased recently and folks are missing out on fun and rewarding activities. Hope to see you soon.

**Nominations for Officers for 2019** need to be made NOW!! There are 5 positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director. Current holders of those position may be nominated for next year with one exception. Dave / KB3RAN has decided not to seek re-election. One may Self nominate or select one of our other members that you would like to see helping to lead our club.

Send nominations to Monica KC3DAS [kc3das@comcast.net](mailto:kc3das@comcast.net) Peter Holt KB3SXB [mistralhold@comcast.net](mailto:mistralhold@comcast.net) or Dave Weaver W3PQS [w3pqs@comcast.net](mailto:w3pqs@comcast.net)

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 PM.