

CARA Meeting Minutes - OCTOBER, 2018

The October 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 17 members in attendance.

OCTOBER CARA MEETING ATTENDEES			
Dave / KB3RAN - President	Bill / N3XMZ-Vice President	Dick / W3RBR-Treasurer	Ron / WA4PRR Secretary
Steve / N3IPN - Director	Dennis Dakin / KC3MAA	Ed / KC3EN	Monica / KC3DAS
Shawn / N3AE	Don / KR3A	Chuck / AA3CS	Adrienne / KG5CIL
Jim / K3UGA	Dave / W3PQS	Dick / AE3DT	Peter / KB3SXB
N3PH / Peter			

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

1.> Extra classes were discussed.

A>Three sets of books are being ordered with others ordered as needed.

Ed / KC3EN volunteered to purchase the additional books.

B> The class began the Wednesday night before our meeting.

C> The instructors are (so far) are: Dick Terlisner / AE3DT, Ed / KC3EN, Andy Byzet / WA4BRX, and Dave / KB3RAN.

2.> Website hosting problems discussed. Alternative host sites will be investigated.

3.>The condition of the repeater antennas was discussed, as well as their possible replacement. Dave / W3PQS requested meeting time to discuss findings of the repeater system.

4.>VE testing was discussed.

BUDGET: A Line Item was added to the Budget of \$100.00 for Education supplies. The motion passed by a Unanimous vote.

MINUTES: The September minutes were submitted for approval. The minutes were approved subject to corrections.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: A question as to term limits by a member. After a discussion on the subject it was determined that the by-laws had been changed to eliminate term limits

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TREASURER'S REPORT: Our Treasurer reported that the checking balance was \$5,148.38.

STATION COMMITTEE: No report

WEBSITE: Ron / WA4PRR reported that he now can access the back-end of the website for updates. The mail reflector still needs up-dating. Ron has access to the reflector and will update it ASAP.

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

NEW MEMBERS: The following two new hand were voted into the club:

A.>Adrienne / KG3CIL

B.> Dennis Dakin / KC3MAA

Both were eligible for free membership to new hams. The free membership was extended through the end of 2018 by a vote of the members present.

REPEATER DISCUSSION: Dave W3PQS reported on the condition of the antennas on the Prince Frederick tower. He proposed purchasing a dual-band antenna to replace the old antenna. A 6-foot stand-off was also recommended. A vote was made to replace both antennas and stand-off brackets. The motion passed. A search will be made for the best price and supplier.

- 1.> Dave /W3PQS reported on the assumptions of our goals for the repeater
Analog verses digital.
- 2.> Antenna condition discussed and SWR was reporting on.
- 3.> The duplexer was retuned by Chuck / AA3CS
- 4.> Motorola repeater installed at PF.
- 5.> Chuck / AA3CS has the Yaesu system at his house for testing.
- 6.> More information later by e-mail and at the November meeting.

Thanks for the good report, Dave.

BREAK

50-50 Drawing: The drawing was won by Peter / KB3SXB. He donated ALL of his half of the \$30.00 pot. Thanks Peter for the donation!

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COOKIE MONSTER: Monica / KC3DAS was Cookie Monster for October. The November Cookie Monster will be Dave / KB3RANBP.

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 which started October 3rd and running about 10 weeks. Location is be in Chesapeake Ranch Estates since 2 of our members looking for the General upgrade live there. Dave / KB3RAN requested a meeting location in their EOC from the Properly Owners Association of Chesapeake Ranch Estates (POACRE). Volunteer instructors so far are: Dick Terlisner / AE3DT, Ed / KB3EN, 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 Contact to a board member.
- 4.> 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.
- 5.> Holiday party was discussed. Monica / KC3DAS and Shawn / N3AE are cordoning The event will be on December 22nd. More Later.
- 6.> AUXCOM : Shawn / N3AE announced the AUXCOM exercise on Saturday October 12th at 9:00 am - 12:00 Noon
- 7.> AUXCOM: Bill / W3RBRN3XMZ reported on the upcoming meeting at the EOC in the basement of the County Courthouse 7:30 pm on October 15th. Web EOC Training.
- 8.> ARES is being reorganized by the ARRL. More Later.
- 9.> Jamboree On The Air for Scouts. Andy / WA4BRX will be looking for help.

REPEATER DISCUSSION: Bill / N3XMZ discussed The possibility of moving the Mt. Hope repeater off of the Mt. Hope tower to a state tower. More Later.

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Nominations for Officers for 2019:

President - Dave Hardy / KB3RAN

Vice-President: Bill Fackett / N3XMZ

Secretary: Ron Byzet / WA4PRR

Treasurer: Dick Ratcliffe / W3RBR

Director: Steve Hempling / N3IPN

Thanks to. the Nominatind Commitee Monica / KC3DAS Peter Holt / KB3SXB and
Dave Weaver / W3PQS.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 PM.