

CARA Meeting Minutes - March, 2019

The March 2019 meeting was called to order by our President, at approximately 7:35 pm. At the opening of the meeting, our presiding officer led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 11 members and one guest in attendance.

MARCH MEETING ATTENDEES			
DAVE / KB3RAN President	Ron / WA4PRR - Secretary	Bill / N3XMZ -Vice-President	Dick / W3RBR - Tresurer
Steve / N3IPN-Director	KC3MAA / Dennis and son	Shawn / N3AE	David / W3PQS
Ed / KC3EN	Monica / KC3DAS	Peter / KB3SXB	

Don / KR3A Had a very bad fall and broke his hip. A card was signed by all present wishing him a speedy recovery.

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund Balance: Following the expenses paid, the balance is \$5,417.97. The membership voted to accept the Treasurer's report.

The expenses paid was \$242.91 to Steve / N3IPN for a loaner station repair and purchase of a power supply, tuner, and and cables.

2019 Budget: The budget for 2019 will remain the same as the 2018 budget, EXCEPT being modified to allow for the repeater upgrades and station work.

Board Meeting The Board Meeting was held at 7:00 pm on February 26, 2018 at the IHOP in Prince Frederick.

- 1>.The website MEMBERS access will be limited to PAID MEMBERS ONLY after the March meeting
- 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> Repeater discussion was held as to the Mt. Hope and Prince Frederick Repeaters.
- 4> Field Day sites were discussed, and suggested sites will be investigated by board members.

Audit Committee: The Audit Committee has received the necessary information from our treasurer and will report on the audit of the CARA books for 2018. The report from the committee is pending due to the available time to meet.

Repeater Report: The progress on the repeater system work was reported on by Dave / W3PQS. Several options for new site inside the county was discussed.

- A>. The Mt. Hope duplexer Has been retuned and it's harness cables have been replaced.
- B>. Several options for the Prince Frederick Repeater relocation were discussed, A motion was made to form a search committee for a new repeater site to replace the current site. The committee members are: Peter / KB3SXB, Shawn / N3SE, Dave / W3PQS, Bill / N3XMZ, and Dennis / KC3MAA.

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-- BREAK --

The 50-50 Drawing was not held.

A free-for-all discussion was held on various subjects for the remainder of the meeting.

FIELD DAY 2019: (June 22- 23) This Year's Field Day was discussed with several sites suggested, including Drum Point (\$100 fee), Hawling Point Park, and last year's site at Broomes Island Community Center. The locations will be checked out, with Broomes Island the preferred site.

Cookie Monster: The Cookie Monster for our April meeting will be Monica / KC3DAS.

COFFEE MONSTER: Dennis / KC3MAA will fill in for the April meeting.

UP-COMING EVENTS: many events and dates were discussed. Several members agreed to check out event sites.

PACKET EQUIPMENT: Shawn / N3AE reported that RACES and Ares needs updated equipment to support emergency communications. Several options were discussed.

Meeting was adjourned @ approximately 8:50 pm.