**CARA BOARD MINUTES July 14, 2022**

**Attending: President Bill Hackett N3XMZ, Vice President Dale Sollars KC3RKP, Treasurer Dick Ratcliffe W3RBR, Director Dave Weaver W3PQS, Repeater trustee Don Kirby KR3A and Peter Hughes N3PH. Attending via Zoom was Brian Kress KB3WFV, Bob Sheskin N3PPH, and Dave Hardy KB3RAN, and Ed Zumstein WB3NCO.**

Called to order at 1850 hrs. by President Hackett

President Hackett handed out material compiled by Brian Kress KB3WFV concerning the current repeaters and controllers for discussion.

Several minutes of discussion of the problem with the repeaters followed. It was determined that at least one of the controllers must be replaced. This was recommended by Brian Kress KB3WFV. The Board agreed with that assumption based on the evidence at hand. It appears that part of the problem was the number of people trying to make repairs to the controller that was on the 2 meter machine. Currently there is no controller on the 2 meter machine.

The Members present at the BOD meeting volunteered donations to CARA to help cover the cost. The BOD decided to replace both controllers (2 meter and 440 machines) and Keep the currently working controller as a back up should one of the others fail. The BOD is also going to send the RTC (Real Time Clock) boards back to the manufacturer to be re-flashed and then reused in the new controllers.

There was also discussion of going with another manufacturer, however, that manufacturer has no controllers available and does not expect any being available for at least 8 months.

Donations to be made by those members present

President Hackett - $100.0

Vice President Sollars $100.00

Treasurer Ratcliffe $100.00

Repeater Trustee Don Kirby $100.00

Brian Kress $100.00

Dave Weaver 50.00

Dave Hardy - $200.00

This is a total of $ 750.00 of the estimated $1000.00 the controllers are expected to cost. The remainder of the cost will be covered by additional donations and/or from the Association treasury.

**CARA MEMBERS MEETING Minutes July 14, 2022**

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Meeting was called to order by President Bill Hackett at 1945.

First order of Business was the drawing for the 50/50. This was won by Steve Hempling N3IPN. Steve donated $16.00 back to the Association and the Associations take was 21.00 for a total of $37.00.

Secretary’s Report – Last month’s meeting minutes were accepted by the membership.

Treasurer’s Report – Current Bank Balance is 4751.15 was accepted by the membership.

New member Norman Dorn was voted in.

The problems with the repeater system and the possible remedies were discussed. A motion was made and seconded to replace both controllers for the repeaters. Said motion was voted on by the membership present and passed. New ARCOM Controllers and control boxes will be ordered.

Bob Sheskin N3PPH was requested to fix a link on the website as the by-laws were not currently accessible. Bob said he would handle it.

Bill Hackett wanted to discuss dropping using ZOOM for online attendees. This item was tabled for further discussion later.

A discussion was held reference to field day with the few problems that were encountered.

Shawn Donley N3AE stated that the county was going to stand up Huntingtown High School for practice for emergencies. This is to occur on September 13th.

The by-law change (changing the meeting night from the 1st Thursday of the month to the 2nd Thursday of the month) was discussed and voted on. The by-laws will be changed setting the 2nd Thursday of the month as the new and improved meeting date.

The meeting ended at 2030 hrs.