**CARA BOARD MINUTES January 12, 2023**

**Attending: President Erik Johnson KC3QQD, Vice President Brian Kress KB3WFV, Treasurer Dick Ratcliffe W3RBR, Director Dale Sollar KB3RKP, Secretary Shawn Donley N3AE, Repeater Trustee Don Kirby KR3A, Andy KC3WRX**

Meeting called to order 6:35pm

Dave, KB3RAN, attached the wrong minutes to his last email distribution. Dave will resend the correct Nov 2022 minutes via the CARA reflector .

Audit committee: Dick, W3RBR, will send the review package to Dave, KC3RWT in a few days for the audit committee’s review. The audit committee report is due at the spring General Meeting.

Treasurer’s Report: CARA’s bank balance as of Dec 30, 2022 is $5214.86. This includes the $355.00 paid to KB3WFV for new repeater link radios. The web hosting bill, $30.00 for six months, was recently paid. Several people in attendance paid their 2023 dues at the meeting and others have paid via PayPal. Dues should be submitted by April 1 to avoid becoming an inactive member.

Repeaters: Brian, KB3WFV, reported that he was waiting for Matt, N3IVK, to re-program the new link radios and was also waiting for a replacement RTC module from ARCOM.

Dave, KB3RAN, mentioned that the new ARRL Volunteers on the Air program is a club-focused activity. Points can be scored and are tracked using the Logbook of the World. At this time K3CAL is not enrolled in LoTw. Further information on the new ARRL program can be found at <https://www.arrl.org/volunteers-on-the-air>

Winter Field Day: Dale asked if anyone was interested in participating in Winter Field Day on Jan 28 & 29. No one expressed interest but Dale and Andy, KC3WRX plan to set up somewhere for the event.

Summer Field Day: Dale took an action to contact Dick Terlisner, AE3DT, to see if we could use the community center at Broomes Island once again. Dale and Dave, W3PQS, will partner on field day planning for CARA.

Budget: A budget for 2023 needs to be prepared. The 2022 budget will be used as a starting point. A special Board meeting will be held via Zoom to fine tune the budget and vote on it before the next CARA General meeting.

Brian pointed out that last year’s by-law change dealing with the CARA meeting dates had not been uploaded to the CARA web site. Dave, KB3RAN, will get the wording update and send the revised by-laws to the Board who will then get them posted to the web site.

The Board meeting closed at 7:20pm

**CARA MEMBERS MEETING Minutes January 12, 2023**

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Meeting was called to order by President Erik Johnson at 7:30pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary’s Report – An error was made distributing the November 2022 minutes so approval of those minutes was tabled until the correct minutes can be sent out to the membership.

Treasurer’s Report – Current Bank Balance is $5214.86. This includes the $355.00 paid to KB3WFV for new repeater link radios.

New member: Steve Minard, W3SMM, has applied for membership and paid 2023 dues. Steve was voted in as a CARA member. Welcome Steve!

Repeater: Brian, KB3WFV, reported that he was waiting for Matt, N3IVK, to re-program the new link radios and was also waiting for a replacement RTC module from ARCOM. The CARA 70cm repeater remains off the air while the new 2M/70cm linked system is bench tested.

Zoom: The membership voted to reimburse Erik for the new Zoom account to cover CARA meetings and activities.

AUXCOMM: Shawn reported that the January 18 and February 15 meetings will be held at the Courthouse EOC at 7PM. We are still looking for a meeting room for the rest of the year. The EOC is not an option due to the complications of scheduling off-hours access. The Harriet Brown community center does not have a smaller room available on the third Wednesday. Need to investigate Mt Hope and other possibilities. The Calvert hospital was contacted but declined to host our meetings. We hope, with the help of Calvert Emergency Management, to get a waiver for room fees for the CARA meetings as well as AUXCOMM meetings if they too end up in County facilities. Shawn has started to assemble the radio rack for the alternate EOC equipment room. The alternate EOC room itself is still being remodeled and we were told to hold off on that project until later this year. Shawn suggested we approach the county to purchase some spare radios and RemoteRigs while they are still available.

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50/50: Dale won the50/50 ($25.00) and donated all to the club. Thanks Dale!

Audit Committee: Dave, KC3RWT, is heading up the audit committee for the year 2022 review. Their report is due at the spring General meeting. The audit committee for 2023 will need to be assigned during the November 2023 General meeting.

There was a general discussion about adding more interesting and fun events to the CARA calendar, including some interesting presentations and activities like a picnic and group visits to places of interest. We need presentations and events that draw the membership to attend and participate. Several presentations and dates were pinned down. After the meeting Brian assembled a list of planned activities and coordinators shown below (thanks Brian). Let’s try to fill out the “open” dates with some fun activities. Now that COVID is more under control, perhaps we can reinstitute monthly breakfasts.

2023 Meeting Presentation Schedule

Jan - Business Meeting

Feb - Parks on the Air - Erik - KC3QQD

Mar - POTA Antennas - Dale KC3RKP

April - Business Meeting

May - PSK - Dave KB3RAN

June - Open ...... Field Day Overview

July - Business Meeting

Aug - Open

Sept - Open

Oct - Business Meeting

Nov - Open - Elections

Events for 2023

Jan - Winter Field Day - Dale KCRKP and Andy KC3WRX

Feb - OPEN

Mar - OPEN

April - NVIS Day - Dave KB3RAN - Shawn N3AE

May - OPEN

June - Field Day - Dale KC3RKP - Dave W3PQS

July - OPEN

Aug - MDC QSO Party - Andy KC3WRX

Aug - Lighthouse weekend

Sep - Fox Hunt followed by picnic

Oct - OPEN

Nov - OPEN

DEC - Christmas Party

Recognition: Dave, W3PQS, recommended CARA purchase a plaque for Bill, N3XMZ, in appreciation of his many years of dedicated service as CARA’s president. The membership unanimously voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm