

Calvert Amateur Radio Association

May 11th, 2023

Board Meeting:

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm at the Harriot Brown Center by President Erik Johnson. In attendance were:

Erik Johnson KC3QQD(President), Brian Kress KB3WV (Vice President) via Zoom, Richard Ratcliffe W3RBR(Treasurer), Dale Sollars KC3RKP(Director), and Andrew Charland KC3WRX(for Secretary Shawn Donely)

President:

- Inquired if Board Members had a chance to review minutes from last Board meeting for changes. No changes were noted.
- Reported that he was part of last year's audit committee and that an inventory of club property had not been part of the audit.
- We have one prospective new member, Dave Metler W3OH Treasurer Ratcliffe reports his dues have been paid but no application is on file. V.P. Kress believes he may have been a past member however the Treasurer advises he has no way to verify that. Voting him in will proceed once an application is on file -He will take the lead on organizing this year's Holiday Party. Basing this year's location on accommodating 2530 people.

Vice President:

- Looking into potential problems with the Lusby repeater. Waiting on a site survey/drone flight of the tower before a determination can be made. Weather and access permitting, he's hoping to have more information next week.

Treasurer:

- Current bank balance is \$5,281.32. Received \$7.81 from Amazon Smile purchases which is likely to be the Last Smile payment. \$48.51 was transferred from PayPal. Three checks have cleared in the normal course of business.

Director:

- Field Day this year is June 24th and 25th. Potluck will be on the menu. Breakfast for Sunday morning has already been pledged. He will be doing a picnic style dinner for Saturday evening. Still looking for donations of chips, drinks, and the like. Don Kirby contributed \$40 to the "meal fund". If anyone would like to donate or contribute, contact Dale via email at dsollars21@gmail.com. Set up will begin at or soon after 7am on the 24th. He will be functioning as Safety Officer this year. He is looking for folks to contact him regarding what equipment they will be bringing. Andy KC3WRX will bring the Call-In station and an HF station. As of now, the Sheriff and Acting Chief of Emergency Management have been invited and we're hoping the Sheriff's Office will be bringing their Mobile Command Vehicle for display. He's working to get the word out to the community about the event.

Secretary:

- Andy informed the Board he is still looking for anyone interested in being a Net Control Station for Skywarn. Hoping to hear soon about the training. Currently a new course is being developed.
- Aux. Comm. meeting is Wednesday May 17th at the Harriot Brown Center. Subject will be a review and update of the group's Emergency Response Plan.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7pm.

Membership Meeting:

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was called to order at the Harriot Brown Center a 7:30pm by President Erik Johnson. In Attendance were:

President Erik Johnson KC3QQD, Vice President Brian Kress KB3WV (via Zoom), Treasurer Richard Ratcliffe W3RBR, Director Dale Sollars KC3RKP, Andy Charland KC3WRX, Don Kirby KR3A, Kim Wells K3OCM, Les Silva KH6CUJ, and Peter Hughes N3PH.

President:

- Inquired if the membership had a chance to review previous minutes and request changes or amendments
- Received reports from finance, repeater, and Field Day committees
- Advised the membership he will begin looking for a Holiday Party venue to accommodate 25-30 people
- Pledged a \$1 donation to the club for every check-in he gets on his Tuesday night nets from now till the end of June

Treasurer:

- Presented the finance report to the membership (see Board Meeting minutes above)

One prospective new member in attendance, Chris Chennweth. He was introduced by Director Sollars and took a moment to speak to the club about himself. He was given an application and information regarding obtaining an FRN, study materials and testing. Looking forward to him becoming part of the club.

Director:

- Discussed the idea of having a "Contact of the Month" Discussion at our meetings
- Requested the club stay proactive regarding our sick and/or injured members so cards can be sent, visit Can be coordinated, etc. He will take the lead and any information/notification can be forwarded to him at dsollars21@gmail.com.

With no other business to come before the membership, business adjourned at 7:45pm and the remainder of the meeting was turned over to Jeff Coomes KC3OQP of the Anne Arundel Radio Club who gave a presentation on organizing and conducting public service events using amateur radio and issuing club badges. Thank you, Jeff!

May's 50/50 raffle was won by Don Kirby KR3A. ***The total pot was \$25. \$12.50 to Don and \$12.50 to CARA. Don took \$5.00 and donated \$7.50 to the club. Total to CARA- \$20.00***

