**CARA BOARD MINUTES July 13, 2023**

**Board Members Attending: President Erik Johnson KC3QQD, Vice President Brian Kress KB3WFV (via Zoom), Treasurer Dick Ratcliffe W3RBR, Secretary Shawn Donley N3AE. Members attending: Don, KR3A**

Meeting called to order 6:32pm

Approved the June Board minutes.

Holiday Party – Erik is still working on a venue for this year’s holiday party

Talk-Around Tuesday – Erik is tallying up the June check-in to the next Talk-Around Tuesday net for his $1.00 per check-in donation to CARA.

Treasurer’s Report: CARA’s bank balance as of June 30 is $5248.38 which includes a $100.00 donation for a 2M radio from N3EDD’s estate. We stayed within the planned Field Day budget. Field Day expenditures will be reported next month.

No new applications for membership were received.

An invoice in the amount of $149.00 was submitted by W3PQS for the plaque for N3XMZ.

The Board requested that the president contact our RACES officer, N3XMZ, asking him to designate an AUXCOMM member to contact the County regarding the antenna problems discovered on the Lusby tower and their resolution since no action has been taken yet.

The Board meeting closed at 7:36 pm

**CARA MEMBERS MEETING MINUTES July 13, 2023**

**Attending: President Erik Johnson KC3QQD, Treasurer Dick Ratcliffe W3RBR, Secretary Shawn Donley N3AE, Don, KR3A, Peter N3PH, Andy KC3WRX**

**Via Zoom: Vice President Brian Kress KB3WFV, Dale N3ILH, Drew KN4VWB**

The meeting was called to order by President Erik Johnson at 7:36pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

New members: No new applications were received last month. CARA members are encouraged to invite people that may be interested in becoming amateur radio operators and possibly CARA members to our meetings.

The membership voted to approve the June minutes.

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Repeater Status – Issues found by video survey of antennas (Lusby and Mt Hope). Problems include severely bent radials on the north facing link antenna, and missing bolts and coax clamps on both the link and the SE facing repeater antennas (both are Diamond X-300NA). The Board requested that the president contact our RACES officer, N3XMZ, asking him to designate an AUXCOMM member to contact the County regarding the antenna problems discovered on the Lusby tower and their resolution.

N3AE, with the help of KC3WRX, has reprogrammed all the RACES radios with our new ICS-205 frequency list. That list was supplied to AUXCOMM members via email and is also posted on the Calvert AUXCOMM web site. While at the Barstow tower, N3AE checked the SWR on our three antennas and all were very good on both 2M and 70cm. The highest SWR was 1.3 to 1.

The AUXCOMM meeting for July 19 has been cancelled and replaced with a request that members attend the public meeting that evening on the Calvert All-Hazards Mitigation Plan. Details at <https://www.calvertcountymd.gov/3053/Hazard-Mitigation>

The members votes to reimburse W3PQS $149.00 for the plaque for our prior President, N3XMZ.

Pavilion #1 at Kings Landing park has been reserved for the Maryland-DC QSO Party on August 12. Thanks go to Andy, KC3WRX, for organizing the event. Food will be pot luck. The pavilion has electric power and ceiling fans. Restrooms nearby. Bring your HF radio and antenna for a fun day.

The 50/50 was won by KC3QQD ($20.00).

Lost and Found: If anyone lost a clear plastic ruler (has both inch and centimeter scales) at the June meeting, please contact N3AE.

Upcoming Hamfests: Aug 6 -  [Berryville Hamfest](https://berryvillehamfest.com/) Clarke County Fair Grounds, 890 West Main Street, Berryville, Virginia, 22611

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm

2023 Meeting Presentation Schedule

Aug - Open

Sept - Open

Oct - Business Meeting

Nov - Open - Elections

Events for 2023

Aug - MDC QSO Party - Andy KC3WRX

Aug - Lighthouse weekend

Sep - Fox Hunt followed by picnic

Oct - OPEN

Nov - OPEN

DEC - Christmas Party