**CARA BOARD MINUTES September 14, 2023**

**Board Members Attending: President Erik Johnson KC3QQD, Vice President Brian Kress KB3WFV (via Zoom), Secretary Shawn Donley N3AE, Treasurer Richard Ratcliffe W3RBR. Members attending: Dave W3PQS, Don KR3A. Via Zoom: Dave KB3RAN, Mike N1JMC, Ed WB6NCO, Kim K3OCM. Guests: Ron KB5LNC**

Meeting called to order 6:39pm

Board had a quorum of three officers (KC3QQD, N3AE, W3RBR)

The Board approved the August minutes.

Treasurer’s Report: The treasurer reported we had $5077.05 in our bank account (PNC Bank). KC3QQD submitted a receipt for one year of Zoom access in the amount of $110.82 for reimbursement.

Per the bylaws, both the president and treasurer should have signature authority for the bank account. Erik needs to be put on the account in place of our past president. This still needs to be done.

The Board recommended that a portion of our bank balance, as much as 50%, be invested in either a higher yield account or a 6 month CD rather than sitting in a low yield account. This still needs to be done.

N3AE reported that one of the RACES stations at Barstow has been repurposed as an APRS digipeater to support the upcoming Simulated Emergency Test on Oct 7. A more permanent APRS digipeater is planned for the Mt Hope site.

The secretary, per direction at the last meeting, polled the membership about the meeting format moving ahead (in-person or Zoom). Only a few members responded. The feedback suggested we keep Zoom but only for members hampered by medical conditions or distance, and these members will need to request the Zoom access information. We would stop distributing this information to all membership.

Dave Harrell, KC3WIX, submitted a membership application and was voted in.

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm

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**Via Zoom: Dave KB3RAN, Mike N1JMC, Ed WB6NCO, Kim K3OCM.**

The meeting was called to order by President Erik Johnson at 7:18pm with Pledge of Allegiance. Since we had a guest speaker, the business consisted of a quick review of the Board activities reported above and voting in our new member, Dave KC3WIX. KB5LNC won the 50-50 and donated the entire $37.00 to CARA.

Ron, KB5NC, gave a presentation on Automatic Reporting Packet System (APR)S which covered not only the position reporting functions of APRS but its other capabilities such as short text messaging. The presentation should be posted on the K3CAL website soon.

The planned Foxhunt in September has not happened yet. Perhaps we can still find a time in October to have a Foxhunt and lunch after.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm

**OFFICER NOMINEES FOR 2024**

Subsequent to the meeting, the nominating committee provided the slate of candidates listed below. Per the by-laws, additional nominations may be made by Members at the October Regular Meeting. Nominations will be closed at the end of the October Regular Meeting with voting at the November meeting. It’s YOUR club. Please consider running for one of the (currently unopposed) positions. The treasurer expressed interest in passing on the position to another member.

President - KB3WFV Brian
Vice President - KC3QQD Erik
Secretary - N3AE Shawn
Treasurer - W3RBR Dick

Director - W3PQS Dave

2023 Meeting Presentation Schedule

Sept - APRS

Oct - Business Meeting

Nov - Open - Elections

Events for 2023

Oct - Fox Hunt followed by picnic ?

Nov - OPEN

DEC - Christmas Party