**Calvert Amateur Radio Association**

**11 April 2024**

**Board of Directors**

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by President Brian Kress. Present were: Brian Kress KB3WFV, V. President Erik Johnson KC3QQD, Treasurer Richard Ratcliffe W3RBR, Director Dave Weaver W3PQS, and Andy Charland KC3WRX (standing in for Secretary Shawn Donely)

Motion made, seconded, and passed to except B.O.D. minutes for February and March of 2024

**V. President**- Submitted revised changes to the membership application.

**Treasurer**- $3,510.03 in the bank, CD has earned $12.23 interest. Dave Hardy(SK) changed the Resident Agent of the Corp. with the State using his name--need to address necessary change, Brian will look into it.

**Secretary**- Nothing passed on for the Board.

**Director**- Nothing to report however would like to discuss the 2m duplexer.

**President**- 2m duplexer needs to be replaced as it is old and possibly contributing to the current problems. Looking at replacement cost of around $3,400.00 plus shipping. There is an anonymous donor who will “match” up to $1,000.00 in donations toward replacement costs. The isolator has been removed from the 2m site and has been dropped off to the County for replacement. The replacement may require a small reduction in repeater power due to derating requirements for 100% duty cycle use. More to follow during the General Membership meeting.

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:10pm

**General Membership**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm with Pledge of Allegiance

Present were: Brian KB3WFV, Erik KC3QQD, Dick W3RBR, Dave W3PQS, Bill N3XMZ, Don KR3A, Les KH6CUJ, Matt N3IVK, Andy KC3WRX, Dave KC3RWT, Peter N3PH, Daire AC3KX, Abe KC3WOA, and Drew KN4VWB

**V. President**- Advised the membership the revised member application has been submitted to the B.O.D., discussion brought up the need address the adherence to the Code of Civility on it. The matter was tabled till the May meeting. Two prospective members to vote in: Abe Nehemias KC3WOA and Philip Nelson NO3N (returning member). Both unanimously approved. Talk around Tuesday went well from the E.O.C. The Board approved Feb. and Mar. 2024 Board minutes. Jean Delancy W1JD, of Mechanicsville will be heading up recurring VE testing in Hollywood soon however no set schedule at this point.

**Director**- No report

**Treasurer**- $3,510.03 in the bank. The CD earned $12.23. Currently we have 39 paid members.

**Races Officer**- Working on badges for AUXCOMM members. 1st Net is being explored as an option for Ecomms. RACES radio equipment seems to be working well, was able to get the Jessup repeater from the Barstow tower. Radio installation for the alternate E.O.C.at the PSB in Barstow is moving forward.

**ARES A/E.C.**- Meeting on 4/17 at 7pm. Topic will be severe weather and revising/updating the Hurricane Staffing Plan for this year. We’re moving into storm season again, so Skywarn is back in play. Working with Emergency Management and NWS to arrange classes. NVIS Day Saturday April 27th 10am-4pm at Ward Farm Park in Dunkirk. Bring your own chairs, refreshments, and shade. This year we’ll be trying a 71ft “random” wire with 9:1 unun.

**Audit Committee**- All records have been reviewed and found to be in order. They have been returned to the Treasurer. Motion to accept the Audit Committee’s report seconded and passed.

**President**- Discussed at length the ongoing issues with the 2m repeater as outlined in previous emails. Recommendation is replacement of the duplexer due to age and condition but stressed it may not resolve all current issues. Looking as if the cost will be around $3,400.00 before shipping. Still trying to get confirmation of the final price and any lag time. He advised the membership that there is an anonymous donor willing to match donations up to $1,000.00 for replacement. Andy and Dick both pledged $100.00 donations. Motion made, seconded, and passed to replace the duplexer.

**50/50**- $41.00 total. $21 to club and $20 to winner. Andy had the winning ticket, his portion was given back to the club.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:15pm and the group moved to “adoption” of excess equipment (some prices still had to be addressed so no final tally as of this writing)