**Calvert Amateur Radio Association**

 **13 June 2024**

**Board of Directors**

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by President Brian Kress. Present were: Brian Kress KB3WFV, Vice President Erik Johnson KC3QQD, Secretary Shawn Donley N3AE, Director Dave Weaver W3PQS, and members Andy Charland KC3WRX, Don Kirby KR3A, Bill Hackett N3XMZ, and Lisa Kress.

**President**- Checked into rules regarding raffles. OK to for us to hold raffles in Calvert and St Mary’s counties. The president recommended that the remaining surplus equipment stored at Mt Hope be raffled off rather than offered for donations.

**Holiday Party** - Arrangements are being made for the CARA holiday party at Bulrushes Café in Prince Frederick, on Dec 7th from 3pm to 7pm. No alcohol. We’ll have a buffet. Price will be $10.00 a person with tickets and payment via the CARA web site. CARA will pick up the balance for the event.

**Resident Agent** - The paperwork to transfer Resident Agent to the CARA president has been completed and submitted to the State.

**Treasurer** – The treasurer was on travel so no report this month.

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

**Director**- Discussed field day planning.

**Skywarn** – Andy, KC3WRX, our Skywarn POC, requested permission to give the repeater codes for Skywarn announcements to several Skywarn operators from CARA as well as the St Mary’s EC. Now that severe weather season is upon us, we can’t wait for net control training to distribute these codes. The Board concurred.

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:27pm

**General Membership**

Meeting was called to order at 7:35pm.

Present were:

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| Brian KB3WFV | Erik KC3QQD | Shawn N3AE | Dave W3PQS |
| Bill N3XMZ | Don KR3A | John KQ5V | Richard AE3DT |
| Phil NO3N | Mark KC3VNH | Andy KC3WRX | Peter N3PH |
| Matt N3IVK | Daire AC3KX | Lisa Kress |  |
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**President** - Recommended holding raffles to dispose of the remaining surplus CARA equipment inventory. The new Telewave 6-cavity duplexer and the replacement isolator have been installed at CARA’s 146.985 repeater in Sunderland. Thanks to the many CARA members who donated money and time to have this happen.

The May minutes were approved.

New Members – Voted in two new members, Joe KC3RBJ and Scott, KC3SBT. Welcome!

**Holiday Party** - See Director’s minutes above for the details. Membership present voted to allocate as much as $2500 to cover the balance for the holiday party (member & guests pay $10.00 per person…CARA covers the balance) but it’s likely that the balance needed will be substantially less.

**Vice President** - This week’s Talk Around Tuesday will be from the Public Safety Building EOC using the newly installed radios that are connected to the antennas on the county’s Barstow tower. FM Simplex on 146.580 (backup 146.520) at 8:00 PM.

**Director**- Help still needed for field Day:

 Setup and teardown (8am on Saturday 6/22 and noon on 6/23)

 Volunteer for Cooking

 Bring food; salads, whatever. Already have burgers and hot dogs, water and sodas.

Will operate category 3A. Call K3CAL. ARRL section MDC. Logging via K3FJP software with laptops networked.

Don, KR3A, donated $40.00 for food. Thanks Don!

**Treasurer** – Treasurer was on travel. No report.

**RACES Officer**- CALVEX practice in August with formal event later in the fall.

**ARES EC.**- Meeting on 6/20 at 7pm, Public Safety Building EOC. Will demonstrate the new radio installation including sending and receiving Winlink traffic and possibly MT63 digital messaging.

**Skywarn** – See Board minutes above. Net control training dates/location still TBD. Difficulty getting responses from NWS Sterling. The president recommended getting on the air anytime Skywarn goes to Warning status.

**MD QSO Party** - The QSO party is on August 10th from 10 am to 11:59 pm. Still need volunteers to coordinate a location, etc.

**50/50**- KC3QQD won the 50/50 and donated $20 to CARA.

**Surplus Equipment** – Mark, KC3VNH, took possession of the MFJ Speech Intelligibility Enhancer, the MFJ Iambic paddles, the Explorer QRZ-1 HT and the Radio Shack light weight rotor and control box for a donation of $110.00. The secretary has updated the inventory spreadsheet which is available upon request.