**Calvert Amateur Radio Association**

**11 July 2024 Meeting Minutes**

**Board of Directors**

Meeting called to order at 6:37pm by President Brian Kress. Present were: Brian Kress KB3WFV, Vice President Erik Johnson KC3QQD, Secretary Shawn Donley N3AE, Treasurer Richard Ratcliffe W3RBR, Director Dave Weaver W3PQS, and members Andy Charland KC3WRX, Bill Hackett N3XMZ, and Lisa Kress.

**President**- Received good feedback on our Field Day activity. More on the holiday party as we get closer to the date (Dec 7th).

**Vice President** – Had nothing new to report.

**Treasurer** – The treasurer reported we have $5317.55 in our bank account as of June 30 plus a CD that was issued in the amount of $3000.00.

**Secretary**- Had nothing new to report.

**Director**- Work continues on setting up a GMRS repeater at the State Highway tower in Prince Frederick. W3PQS has several antenna standoffs salvaged from decommissioned county towers..

**RACES Officer** – Bill, N3XMZ, reported that the dry run for the CALVEX drill will be on August 6th. That is the same day as the National Night Out.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

**General Membership Meeting**

Meeting was called to order at 7:40pm.

Present were:

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| Brian KB3WFV | Erik KC3QQD | Shawn N3AE | Dave W3PQS |
| Bill N3XMZ | Nigel G0JKN | Dale N3ILH | Bill W3SI |
| Mark KC3VNH | Andy KC3WRX | Peter N3PH | Daire AC3KX |
| Abe KC3WOA | Lisa Kress |  |  |
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**President** – Good Field Day. We had 36 visitors/attendees. Thanks to all that participated. Looking at some antenna improvements for the next Field Day, possibly including shared antennas using multiplexers and bandpass filters.

**Maryland QSO Party** – Aug 10 from 10am to midnight. Modes this year are limited to CW and SSB. Several members are interested in participating, including N3AE, KC3WRX, G0JKN and W3SI. Probably will have two stations. Location will be the Brooms Island Community Center.

**National Night Out** – August 6th. We have been asked to have a presence at the Brooms Island community center for this event. Need to find out what space we may have for antennas.

**Minutes** - The June minutes were approved.

**New Members** – Voted in four new members, Nigel G0JKN, Bill W3SI, Johnathan N5WTA and Donna, N5DTZ. Welcome!

**Secretary** - The secretary is maintaining CARA’s surplus inventory list. At the meeting W3SI donated $25.00 for Item #110 (2M Yagi) and Item #47 (decrepit looking homebrew wire antenna). Moving forward, the Board plans to transition to a raffle for disposing the surplus equipment.

**Vice President** - Nothing to report.

**Director**- Still working towards installing a GMRS repeater on the State Highway tower in Prince Frederick by the fall of 2024. Dave also played an audio recording of contacts made on 6M using aurora propagation.

**Treasurer** – The treasurer reported we have $5317.55 in our bank account as of June 30 plus a CD that was issued for $3000.00.

**RACES Officer**- CALVEX dry run is on August 6th with the formal event later in the fall.

**ARES EC.**- Our next scheduled meeting is on July 18 but please monitor the AUXCOMM email reflector as there may be some changes in plans.

**Skywarn** – Still difficulty getting responses from NWS Sterling and setting up net control training.

**50/50**- There was no 50/50 drawing at the meeting since KR3A did not attend with the tickets.

**Presentation** - KB3WFV showed a good video on station grounding and bonding, with a group discussion at the conclusion of the video. The link to the video is:

<https://www.k3cal.club/station-grounding.html>

**CARA Field Day 2024 Score Summary**

Our 2024 Field Day results have been submitted to ARRL. Including bonus points, our claimed score is 1,506. Last year our score was 1,304. The band/mode breakdown is shown below.

Total Contacts by Band and Mode:

Band CW Dig Phone Total Copy of full submission:

40 89 0 9 98

20 0 2 25 27

15 2 54 0 56

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Total 91 56 34 181