**Calvert Amateur Radio Association**

**19 Oct 2024 Meeting Minutes**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:39pm by Vice-President Erik Johnson. Present were: Vice President Erik Johnson KC3QQD, Treasurer Richard Ratcliffe W3RBR, Secretary Shawn Donley N3AE, Director Dave Weaver W3PQS, and (by phone) President Brian Kress KB3WFV. Also attending were members Andy KC3WRX, Don KR3A and his son, Kim K3OCM and Bill, N3XMZ.

**President** –

* Nothing heard yet on the recently submitted grant application to Mobile Communications America. Hoping to hear something by the end of October.
* Requested the Treasurer submit the current budget to the Board so that a proposed 2025 budget can be submitted to membership at the November meeting.
* Reminder that the CARA Holiday Party / 70th CARA anniversary is set for Dec 7, 3-7pm at Bulrushes in Prince Frederick. Looking for ideas to make it a nice function. Club funded but looking for member support in the form of $10.00 tickets...50 available.

**Vice President** –

* The September board minutes were approved.
* The Vice President and President presented the proposed amendments to the by-laws. The Board voted unanimously to move ahead and present the changes to membership.

**Treasurer** –

* CARA has $5,483.28 in the bank as of Sep 30, 2024, plus $5000.00 in a CD which will be coming due shortly.

**Secretary**-

* Requested (and was granted) permission to take items from the current CARA surplus equipment inventory to the SMCARA hamfest on Oct 12. A few selected items will be offered as door prizes at the holiday party.

**Director** –

* Dave graciously had a 70th CARA anniversary banner made for the holiday party. Thanks Dave!

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:12pm

**General Membership Meeting**

Meeting was called to order at 7:37pm.

Present were:

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| Brian KB3WFV (phone) | Erik KC3QQD | Don KR3A | Dave W3PQS |
| Bill N3XMZ | Kim K3OCM | Phil NO3N (Zoom) | Adriane KG5CIL |
| Lelia KC3ZPC | Peter N3PH | Daire AC3KX (Zoom) | Ed WB6NCO |
| Rick (KR3A’s son) | Andy KC3WRX | Richard W3RBR | Shawn N3AE |
| Abe KC3WOA (Zoom) | Perry KC3LBO | Dave KC3RWT (Zoom) |  |

* Minutes for September 2024 were approved.
* Welcome to new members:
  + Perry KC3LBO
  + Lelia “Shorty” KC3ZPC
  + Toni K3WEK
  + Mony Brady (no call yet)

**President / Vice President** –

* The President is requesting CARA pictures to share at the holiday party.
* Election of 2025 Officers will be held at the November meeting. The nominating committee (Andy KC3WRX, Bob N3PPH, and Daire AC3KX) have gathered the following list of candidates.
  + President – Brian Kress KB3WFV
  + Vice President – Erik Johnson KC3QQD
  + Treasurer – Andy Charland KC3WRX
  + Secretary – Shawn Donley N3AE
  + Director – Dave Weaver W3PQS
* A proposed 2025 budget will be presented at the November meeting
* Proposed revisions to the CARA by-laws were presented to membership for a vote. A summary of the changes is attached to the bottom of these minutes. All members present, with one abstention, voted in favor of the changes as-presented. The Secretary will update the official by-laws accordingly. It was agreed that further updates to the by-laws will be addressed in 2025.

**Treasurer -** CARA has $5,483.28 in the bank as of Sep 30, 2024, plus $5000.00 in a CD which will be coming due shortly.

**Secretary –** Planning on taking some items from CARA’s surplus inventory list to the SMCARA hamfest to dispose for donations to the club.

**Director** - Dave and Erik are looking for a volunteer or two to assist with the upcoming holiday party at Bulrushes Cafe on December 7th. Reminder that tickets are available on our web site k3cal.club. Look in the Events window.

N3PH won the 50-50 and donated the entire amount ($46) to CARA. Thanks Peter!

**ARES/ Skywarn** – Andy, KC3WRX, will be manning a Skywarn table at the upcoming SMCARA hamfest along with the Skywarn regional coordinator, Jerry, AI0K. Further information on Skywarn in the Maryland/DX area can be found at <https://www.wx4lwx.org/>

No other committee reports

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm

Click on the embedded pdf file below to see the proposed (and now accepted) CARA by-law changes.

