**Calvert Amateur Radio Association**

**10 Apr 2025 Meeting Minutes**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by President Brian Kress. Present were: Brian Kress, KB3WFV, Lisa Kress, Erik Johnson, KC3QQD, Dave Weaver, W3PQS, and Andy Charland, KC3WRX (standing in for Shawn Donley, N3AE)

Members present were: Richard Radcliffe, W3RBR and Kim Wells, K3OCM

**Summary** –

Minutes from the March Board meeting approved

**President/Treasurer:**

* First club POTA session went well. Glad to see folks in attendance. Upcoming sessions are May 4th 9am at Jefferson-Patterson Park and June 10th 10am at Parkers Creek Wildlife Management area
* Field day is approaching, committee is moving forward with planning
* NVIS Day this month Andy will cover that
* Posting feature on the Facebook page is not working, unable to post upcoming events, feature has been shut off, events will be posted on the web page
* Reviewed the finance report and bills coming due, checking account is at $5,313.02, CD is at $3,148.93, and Money Market is $11,022.74
* Asking Board members to refrain from discussing bank accounts and amounts unless it’s an “official inquiry” Has concerns about potential expenditure requests
* Contemplated the current Radio Shack location as a club home, probably not financially feasible, we have been offered to sell club gear there till it closes but time wouldn’t be in our favor
* Silent key and donated gear at Mt. Hope needs to be sold. Dave, W3PQS will coordinate a date first come first serve details will follow

**Vice President:**

* Inquired about Talk-Around Tuesday from the E.O.C. directed to RACES Officer or Emergency Coordinator

**Director**:

* Enjoyed the club POTA session, Is looking to do more portable operations during the nice weather, inquired about logging software

**Secretary:**

* Andy had no topics passed on from Shawn
* NVIS Day is at Ward Farm Park April 26th 9am-4pm, Shawn is bringing his crossed dipole and Andy will bring station equipment, those attending should bring their own chairs, refreshments, etc.
* There is a Skywarn Basics virtual class being held on May 8th, since that is a meeting night, Andy will look in to the possibility of group participation and it can be used as May’s meeting topic
* Winlink gateway has been running in a test phase at Shawn’s QTH, callsign KC3WRX-10 145.030 will support packet Winlink and VaraFM, once any/all bugs are worked out the plan is to install it at the hospital, currently it is off the air till Sunday afternoon

No further business, meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

**General Membership Meeting**

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were:

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| Brian KB3WFV | Erik KC3QQD | Dave W3PQS | Richard W3RBR |
| Andy KC3WRX | Nigel G0JKN | Daire AC3KX (Zoom) | Kim K3OCM |
| Lisa Kress |  |  |  |

Please see Board minutes for information that was repeated during the General Meeting

* No new members for consideration
* Finance report put on record (see board meeting details)
* All taxes have been filed
* Last month’s donations amounted to $115.00. Of that, $17.00 has been paid out with $98.00 remaining
* Silent Key/equipment donations to be sold, Dave W3PQS will coordinate a date/time, more to follow
* Discussion about a Holiday Party- Erik will check on availability of Bulrushes for the first week in December
* Lengthy discussion about Field Day- topics such as antennas, stations, set up, operating, hours for guest visits, keeping noise to a minimum in the operating area, advertising, dinner time, etc. Brian says filters are ordered and should be here soon, Nigel would like to have a set up “dry run. ” Brian will try to coordinate that with the Broomes Island folks, further planning will get underway by the Field Day committee.
* Based on time, the decision was made to forgo Andy’s presentation on Severe Weather and Amateur Radio in favor of the possibility of a group Skywarn Basics class next month.
* 50/50 brought in $30.00, $15 to the winner and $15 to the club, Dave W3PQS was the winner, his share was donated back to the club
* With no further business or discussion, motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:20pm