

Calvert Amateur Radio Association

10 September 2026 Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

The President, Treasurer and Director were not available so we did not have a quorum to conduct business. The Treasurer's report was not available.

General Membership Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:35pm

Present were:

Andy KC3WRX	Erik KC3QQD	Shawn N3AE	Mike AL3G
Peter N3PH	Tom KC3YZZ	Tom AA3SC	Nigel G0JKN
Ron WSIT671	Tim KB3OSF		

- Members voted to approve the July 2026 minutes. Note: The August meeting was replaced by a meet-and-greet at Mrs. Moo's ice cream.
- The Kenwood repeater situation was discussed. Apparently, the repeaters were delivered with older firmware that has known problems associated with linking over TCP/IP networks. The President is trying to resolve the problem but does not want CARA to take on the task of updating the firmware (has to be done in sequence over several updates). More to come.
- With the passing of our long time K3CAL Trustee, Don Kirby, the new Trustee is Andy Charland, KC3WRX. All paperwork was submitted and the FCC has re-issued the K3CAL license with the new Trustee information.
- The next AUXCOMM meeting will be a net. Practice with ARRL Message Forms.
- The annual Simulated Emergency Test is coming up in October. Date TBD. We've asked Calvert Emergency Management to suggest a scenario for the exercise.
- The NWS is offering a Winter Weather class on October 28 at the Anne Arundel OEM Safety Building. Ron has offered to carpool for anyone interested in attending. Please pre-register for the class at <https://www.weather.gov/lwx/skywarn>
- Nigel, G0JKN, discussed some recent software he's been working on. Several packages are for the Flex Radio. He also has a package of software, shack-bench, that supports TinySA and TinyVNA gear. See <https://github.com/nigelfenton?tab=repositories>
- Don, KC3ZYO, is interested in putting up a D-Star repeater if a location/tower can be found.

- The KC3FOQ 147.390 repeater in Leonardtown and the K3HKI repeater in Lexington Park have changed their PL to 146.2.
- We once again discussed holding a Fox Hunt in the county preceded by a Tape measure Yagi build. No definite date has been decided.
- The Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air is scheduled for Oct 16-18
- The 50/50 was won by Erik, KC3QQD, who donated the entire \$30 pot to CARA. Thanks Erik!
- The meeting adjourned at 8:42pm