

Calvert Amateur Radio Association

8 October 2026 Meeting Minutes

Note: Tom, N3OA, was kind enough to take notes for the Secretary who was out of town on vacation. Thanks Tom

Board of Directors Meeting

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Present were the President, Brian KB3WFV, Treasurer, Lisa Kress (both via phone), the Vice President, Erik KC3QQD and the Director, Dave W3PQS, along with members Tom N3OA and Andy KC3WRX.

- The July/Sep Board minutes were approved.
- The President reported that the Kenwood repeaters were shipped to Oregon for firmware updates to (hopefully) correct the lockup problems observed when linked over the tower-to-tower LAN.
- Dave, W3PQS, made a donation for a new controller. Thanks Dave!
- The President mentioned that we need better control over room access and equipment inventory at the Mt Hope Community Center. Lockable cabinets and perhaps a camera were suggested. Brian also remarked that the CARA committees need to be used more effectively in 2027.
- Andy, KC3WRX, our nominations committee lead, provided the following slate of nominations. Voting will occur at the November 12th meeting.
 - President – KB3WFV
 - Vice-President – KC3QQD & W3PQS
 - Treasurer – Lisa Kress
 - Director – G0JKN & W3PQS
 - Secretary – N3OA
- Treasurer's Report
 - Balance as of September 30th 2026:
 - \$4,997.17 PNC Checking.
 - \$3,329.50 PNC Certificate of Deposit.
 - \$8,273.97 Truist Money Market.
- With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05PM

General Membership Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:34pm

Present were:

Brian KB3WV & Lisa Kress (phone)	Erik KC3QQD	Dave W3PQS	Andy KC3WRX
Tim N3OA	George WSOI252	Dwight KD3CZT	Peter N3PH
Ron WSIT671	Tim KB3OSF	Phil NO3N	Mark KC3VNH
Tom AA3SC	Daire AC3KX	Charlie AB3LE	Joe KD3BLI

- Members voted to approve the September 2026 minutes.
- The Kenwood repeaters were shipped to Kenwood in Oregon to have their firmware updated. Kenwood admitted that the earlier firmware delivered in our repeaters had a known problem with lockups when linked via TCP/IP networks. The firmware needs to be updated in sequence through several new versions. Hopefully this will remedy the problems we experienced immediately after their initial installation.
- KC3WRX reported the outcome of the CARA officer nominations. See the Board meeting minutes above for the slate of candidates. Voting will be at our November 12th meeting.
- Several members reported that our current DR-1X repeaters were acting strange, perhaps due to tropospheric ducting. Another possibility, noted by N3AE after the meeting, was that the County/Motorola temporarily reactivated the P25 channel that was causing intermodulation interference, presumably while they were trying to isolate the cause of the intermod.
- Our ARES EC, Andy, has asked Calvert Emergency Management to suggest a scenario for the fall Simulated Emergency Test (SET). Due to other workload and deadlines, nothing has been formalized yet. The MDC Section EC has requested all ARES/RACES/AUXCOMM members to fill out an ICS-205 Form showing all repeaters in-reach from their QTH. Instructions at [MDC SECTION SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST – MDC SECTION WEB SITE](#)
- Donations for the new Kenwood repeaters are still being accepted.
- The CARA budget for 2027 will be prepared soon.
- An audit committee needs to be staffed by next month's meeting.
- A holiday party committee needs to be staffed. Dwight, KD3CZT, volunteered. So did Dave, W3PQS. We need one more volunteer.
- The 50/50 was won by Ron, WSIT671, who split the \$60.00 pot with CARA.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm