

CARS BOD Meeting Minutes 09/26/17

Meeting Start: 7:40 Attendees: Van Rowe, Keith Ainsley, Bill Mellema, Paul Buckwalter, Mike Tromba

Previous Meeting Minutes read by Van (KM4KBS) and accepted as read.

Treasurers Report: N/A

Committee Reports:

- ARES:
 - Still waiting on Chesapeake City Management to repair the antennas / repeaters.
 - The radios for the Chesapeake Shelters have been checked with 1 radio & power supply faulty.
 - Robb Braidwood wants to meet with Steve (KE8YN) to discuss the EOC antennas.
 - Hurricane Season is very active, ARC new "Alive & Well" website (See email for more details)
 - ARRL Emergency Comms Course – ARRL Textbooks still not finalized, Class to be @ end of 2017
 - Steve Nowak (KE8YN) stepping down from Chesapeake Emergency Coordinator, Next EC - TBD
 - Next EMCOMM (CARES) Meeting is Saturday October 14 @ 10:00am.
- Communication Officers Report / Repeater:
 - The Chesapeake 146.61 repeater is operating but has reduced receive sensibility.
 - Other repeaters need work & the clubhouse wire antennas need work / repair.

Old Business:

- The BOD agreed to recommend the membership approve the purchase of five Raspberry Pi terminals to form a new shack / Field day logging system to replace current computers, at a cost of approx. \$1000.
- Batteries for new surplus UPS units may be bought for \$19.03 incl. tax in a lot of 25 or more, and Cain will dispose of old batteries. (UPS: 22 / Batteries: 24) + Clubhouse Qty of 5 or 6
- The BOD approved Bill WF4R's changes to the membership application form.

New Business:

- New Club Applications: KM4FWV, John Cotturone (Background in electronics / comms sys) (Note: Also background of KX4BQ, Tom Kerr - current member).
- Digital Mode Class / Presentation interest: (Van sent out emails to all CARS members)
 - 13 People Interested
- Virginia Communications Cache group – Paul Buckwalter has emailed them but we recommend we research this group prior to decision to teach class at their location.
- Will the raspberry pi's need backup power on field day? The server & Raspberry Pi's have a UPS.
- Antenna repairs – both low band wire antennas down. Shack day project Oct. 21 or sooner?
- Upcoming elections & officers for next year.

President:	John Cooper	WB3AYG	or	Dennis Watson	KM4TJR
Vice Pres:	Mike Tromba	KK4OHX			
Secretary:	Van Rowe, Jr	KM4KBS			
Treasurer:	Jeff Kayser	KM4ALL			
Comms Officer:	Bill Mellema	N3WM			
- CQ World Wide contest at the end of October? (22nd or 23rd)

- Next General Club Meeting: Next Monday October 2nd
- Change the October BOD meeting to Monday Oct. 30th due to Halloween on Tuesday night.
- Discussed possible budget for purchase of clubhouse TV / Monitor for presentations. Maybe 2018 budget available, look for sales over holiday?
- BOD voted to purchase a new HF Watt Meter for the clubhouse. (Bill Mellema to purchase)

Meeting adjourned at: 9:00 pm