

CARC Meeting Minutes – October 25, 2019

President Larry called the October, 2019 meeting of CARC to order at 7:31pm at its usual location at the White Plains United Methodist Church in Cary. He introduced our program presenter: Karl Bowman (w4chx), Section Manager for North Carolina.

He called for the minutes of the September 2019 meeting, which were read and approved, followed by the Treasurer's report, revealing a balance of \$7,980.36. The most recent expense was an annual donation to White Plains Methodist Church of \$75.00.

Larry reminded everyone our annual Holiday Dinner would be held at the Kabuki Steak House in Cary on December 5, 2019 at 6:30. He added that the Club would pick up the gratuity.

Larry reported the medical news about Nina Lacey, XYL of Herb Lacey (W3HL): she had recovered from kidney failure this past week and had been returned from the hospital to Phoenix Assisted Living, where Herb was helping care for her each day.

Larry disclosed that Club had purchased a table at the JARS Hamfest was November 17th, held at the American Legion Complex in Benson. He also referred to members who might attend, to an Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) event, an 80 m classic course and a short Foxoring course at the Eno River State Park, Few's Ford Access, on Sunday, October 27, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. For more information, he cited the website at <https://backwoodsok.org/ardf>

An Election of officers for the 2020 Club year was held. Since there were no nominations, the current office holders agreed to serve another year: Larry Schroeder, President; Jim Williams, Treasurer; and Don Hurlbert, Secretary.

President Larry announced that the Club's Constitution and By Laws were under review for any needed updates or changes. Any new versions would be presented to the Club for approval during the January, 2020 meeting.

Larry also revealed that RARS had invited our Club to join with its 2020 Field Day operations in June, located again on Jim Carroll's property on Friendship Road. CARC attendees were to be welcomed to assist any RARS stations they preferred.

After a brief break, Karl Bowman presented a comprehensive guide to "Rejuvenating An Amateur Radio Club," which he had prepared especially for the Cary Club. He emphasized the importance of an engaging website and newsletters, inclusive meeting activities, outreach, mentoring, club training and public service. Karl also distributed a detailed outline of all his recommendations for guidance.

Karl concluded by announcing his resignation as Section Manager in 2020, reluctantly giving up his post as business and personal responsibilities demanded his full attention. The Club thanked Karl for his years of service.

There being no more business to conduct, the October, 2019 meeting of CARC was adjourned.