



MINUTES OF BCARS CLUB MEETING

Thursday, 7 March 2016

A meeting of the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society came to order at 1931 hours within Room 303 “EOC” on the third floor of the Bedford County Courthouse Building.

- In attendance: Lloyd – K3QNT, Steve-KC3BTA, Keith-KC3AFO, Robert – KC3CMI, Steve – KC3DNB, Mark – KC3CMF, Jim – KC3FPA, Jay – K3SCM, John – KB3DFZ, Ron – KC3FJN, Jay – WA3UXP, Steve – KA3UDR, Jeff, KA3PNL. Fred – KC3GBN, Glen – KB3VZC, Steve - KE3ZT

Meeting was called to order by **Vice-President, Robert Young - KC3CMI**. Robert declared a quorum and requested that K3QNT read the January & February 2016 minutes. Motion to approve was made by KA3UDR and seconded by KA3PNL – Approved all in favor

Treasurer's Report presented by KC3DNB.

Steve discussed various checks received and checks issued.
\$250.00 was received as a grant from the Breezewood VFW.

Ending balances:

Savings Account:	1,769.01
Checking Account:	1,038.06
Petty Cash:	-0-
Total:	<u>\$2,807.07</u>

Motion to approve: KC3CMF - Seconded: K3SCM
Approved all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

(New Good Van) K3QNT reported that the club has secured the original title and ancillary paperwork in order to have the van transferred to BCARS. K3QNT and Mark, KC3CMF will proceed to have the title transferred to BCARS.

KC3CMI inquired about the progress on the 146.790 repeater on Martin's Hill. After much discussion, it was decided that a visit to the site when weather permits will ascertain what needs to be done and what antenna changes will be necessary. K3QNT has not heard any reply from Bedford County regarding our grant application for a professional installation of the "79" site.

Club Dinner

Due to the success of the club dinner at Ed's Steakhouse, KC3CMF moved that we schedule another. After discussion, it was agreed to have the next BCARS dinner at Ed's Steak House at 1800 hours on Thursday, 5 May 2016

Motion was seconded by K3SCM. All in favor

Skill Night Update

The Skills Night that was organized by KB3DFZ was a great success. After much discussion, the club agreed to host other Skills Nights. Two are now scheduled for Thursday, 21 July and Thursday, 27 October 2016.

Announcement:

KA3PNL announced the death of former member, Gary Rembold – W3DFW-SK. The estate has Gary's gear for sale. Jeff will distribute an inventory of what radio equipment remains.

FUND RAISING

K3QNT reported that \$250.00 was donated to BCARS from the VFW Post in Breezewood. KC3CMF suggested that similar donations be solicited from the Sons of the American Legion and other organizations.

PEMA REPORT

KA3UDR and K3QNT reported on the successful participation of BCARS members during the 22-25 January 2016 snow storm, which caused a significant impact throughout Pennsylvania. During the incident, KA3UDR assisted the PEMA operations center in setting up the ARES-RACES at PEMA station, KB3NIA. Steve did a sensational job walking the inexperienced operators through the procedure in getting the net on the air. After realizing the net control stations had little or no experience in net operations, K3QNT from BCARS assumed command of the net. Assisted by KA3UDR and K3FAZ, the PEMA State-Wide Net originated in Bedford County. During the net, KA3UDR relayed Turnpike traffic and Weather information to PEMA as well as K3QNT via the BCARS repeater.

As a result of these operations, Susan Singer, PEMA ComL and ACS Coordinator commended each of the net participants and Bedford County specifically for stepping into the leadership role. The PEMA letter is attached to these minutes,

VE TESTING

KA3UDR, KB3DFZ and KC3CMF, reported that the ARRL has designated BCARS as a “Field Stocked” VE operation. This will enable the club to be more efficient. After much discussion, it was agreed that the following VE “Ham in a Day” sessions would be scheduled:

25 & 26 March 2016 (Easter Ham Scram)

25 & 26 June 2016 (Field Day)

19 & 20 August 2016

18 & 19 November 2016

New Business

The members discussed **Field Day Plans for 2016**. Several locations were suggested. K3QNT will investigate Shawnee State Park Pavilion #9 as a possible location and report at the April Meeting. Other locations will also be examined.

KC3CMI listed the upcoming spring/summer activities in which, BCARS will provide communications support:

Bloody Run Canoe Classic – 30 April 2016

Rails to Trails Triathlon – 5 May 2016

Float for Charity – 21 May 2016

MS-BIKE Ride -23 & 25 July 2016

Prior to each of these events, members will muster at the Burger King on Route 30 East of Bedford.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2034 hours. Motion made by KC3CMF and Seconded by KA3UDR.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lloyd -

Lloyd Bankson Roach – K3QNT
BCARS -Secretary

The Treasurer's report is attached to these minutes.