



MINUTES OF BCARS CLUB MEETING Thursday, 6 July 2017

**President: Kenneth L. Burtnett – WB3JEK
Vice-President: Gary L. Metivier – KC3HKZ
Treasurer: Steven G. Stiffler – KC3DNB
Secretary: Lloyd Bankson Roach - K3QNT**

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A meeting of the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society was called to order at 1931 hours in Room #303 of the Bedford County Courthouse Annex by President Kenny Burtnett – WB3JEK and a quorum was declared.

- In attendance: WB3JEK, KE3ZT, KC3IFL, KC3DNB, KC3CMI, KC3CMF, KC3AFO, KB3DFZ, KA3UDR, KA3PNL, K3SCM & K3QNT

Minutes Approved as corrected for June 2017. KE3ZT requested that the account of the June activities be clarified to separate the event in Hyndman from the event in Hopewell.

Moved by KA3PNL and Seconded by: KB3DFZ - All in favor.

**Treasurer's Report
provided by KC3DNB**

Summary

July 2017

Petty Cash: 15.00
Checking Account: \$5,424.90
Savings Account: \$1,769.33

Total: \$7,209.23

Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report KC3IFL

Seconded by K3SCM

All in Favor

Steve KC3DNB detailed deposits and disbursements from the
general account as detailed in the Treasurer's Report

OLD BUSINESS

FIELD DAY

WB3JEK congratulated all who participated in the 2017 BCARS
Field Day – Lots of Huzzahs from everyone present. Special thanks
to Patti- KC3DNA and Sharon JEK for their provisions.

KB3DFZ reported the Field Day results and stated same have
been sent to the ARRL for appearance in QST. Among the contacts,
we scored were included, 187 points on SSB, 66 points on CW and
114 points on Digital making 734 operational points and 570 bonus
points for a **Grand Total of 1304.**

MARTIN HILL REPEATER PROJECT

Plans continue to restore repeater service at Martin Hill. For the time being 146.7900 will be repeater frequency operating at reduced power. Thanks to the efforts of KA3PNL, the repeater has been repaired and adjusted to operate at full spec. After much discussion concerning antennas, feed lines and other matters, the repeater committee is hopeful the repeater will be back on line by the August meeting.

KC3CMF

Mark submitted invoices for the repair of the NGV Communications van in the amount of \$139.83. A motion was made to approve the expenditures by KA3UDR and Seconded by KC3IFL. All in Favor

K3QNT

As directed by the members during the June meeting, K3QNT read a thank you letter that was sent on 2 June 2017 to Mr. & Mrs. Duane Morgan for their kindness and hospitality at the "Morgan Chicken Check-point.

NEW BUSINESS

BCARS Picnic

President Burtnett asked if anyone would like to volunteer to cook and provide a charcoal grill and cooking facilities for the upcoming picnic. Using a JEK term of art, only "crickets" could be heard in reply. It was agreed that the food supply question would be answered off-line in the coming weeks.

NGV Power Supply Issue

WB3JEK raised the matter of the battery failure and power supply issue in the NGV van. Kenny suggested that a better battery charger/power supply or other device could be used to mitigate this recurring problem. After much discussion and suggestions, it was decided that a suitable solution will be implemented.

KC3CMF & KB3DFZ

In the interest of improving the APRS coverage of the BCARS user area, John showed the members his latest creation of a modified Alinco Two Meter transceiver with a “piggy-back” APRS unit Ty-wrapped to its back. John also showed a much smaller version, which was actually installed inside the radio case. After considerable discussion, it was decided in order to ensure reliability, to authorize KB3DFZ to spend a budget of no more than \$400.00 to purchase two new Kenwood TM-281 transceivers and fit them with the necessary APRS accessories. The two new units will be placed at the Unit #1 WSKE-FM site in Everett to increase our coverage to the East and North and another to be co-located with the new repeater at Unit #2 Site on Martin Hill to increase our coverage to the South and West. Offers of power supplies, hard-line and antennas came from several of the members. KB3DFZ will report his progress at the next meeting. John also mentioned that there is another repeater frequency that may be used interference-free at Martin Hill. Those discussions are on-going. John will report when the negotiations are completed.

With no further business, President Kenny - WB3JEK adjourned the meeting at 2025 local time. The next BCARS meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 3 August 2017 at 1930 hours.

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Lloyd Bankson Roach – K3QNT
BCARS -Secretary