



MINUTES OF BCARS CLUB MEETING Thursday, 3 August 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 1928 hours in Room #303 of the Bedford County Courthouse Annex by President Kenny Burtnett – WB3JEK. A quorum was declared.

- In attendance: K3QNT K3SCM KA3PNL KA3UDR KB3DFZ
KC3AFO KC3BTA KC3CMF KC3DNB KC3HKZ KC3IFJ KC3IFL
KE3ZT W3DRW WB3JEK

KB3DFZ requested that Unit #1 and Unit #2 be clarified as two different APRS systems in the July minutes.
KC3CMF asked that the July minutes be correct the reimbursements that delineate the differences between the expenses incurred by the NGV and Field Day Food expenditures. With the aforementioned changes, the Minutes were Approved as corrected for July 2017.
Moved by KB3DFZ and Seconded by: KA3UDR - All in favor.

**Treasurer's Report
provided by KC3DNB**

Summary

August 2017

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Petty Cash: -0-
Checking Account: \$5,270.08
Savings Account: \$1,769.37

Total: \$7,039.45

Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report KC3AFO

Seconded by KA3PNL

All in Favor

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

OLD BUSINESS

WB3JEK reported that the battery charging system in the NGV has yet to be rectified.

He also stated that the 146.7900 is now operational. Kenny expressed appreciation to WB3CZI for his expertise and assistance. K3QNT read a thank you letter to Joe Phelps from the club.

After considerable discussion about the repeater, coordination and the antenna system, it was suggested by **KC3CMF** that BCARS contract the Bedford County Department of Emergency Services rigger, COMPROS to install our Super Station Master on the top of the present AT&T tower for maximum coverage.

A motion was made by K3QNT that Mark Leibfreid be authorized to hire COMPROS to make the installation with a budget of no more than \$2,500.00. Motion was Seconded by KC3IFL. Passed all in favor

KB3DFZ advised the club that the two Kenwood TM-281 transceivers have arrived for duty at two **APRS sites**. John has the equipment and accessories ready for installation of Unit #1 at the Mount Dallas site at WSKE-FM. He will obtain feed line, antennas and power supplies from club member donations.

Unit #2 is slated for the Martin Hill **146.7900** site, where a similar installation will be made. John explained these two Digipeaters will greatly increase APRS coverage in Bedford County.

NEW BUSINESS

K3SCM – After a report on the National Night Out by KB3DFZ and WB3JEK, K3SCM suggested that better promotional material be provided including some games for kids and materials from the ARRL. K3QNT agreed that it was a good idea and suggested that Jay

provided including some games for kids and materials from the ARRL. K3QNT agreed that it was a good idea and suggested that Jay may want to head up the effort. K3QNT is ordering more K3NQT post cards at his expense for use in the van.

KE3ZT , Activities Director, reminded everyone that the Bedford County Chamber presents Bike Bedford County on 19 August 2017. After a description of operational details, Steve suggested that three teams be deployed as radio equipped tail vehicles for the event. KA3UDR suggested that both 146.4900 BCARS and 145.2700 Somerset be used for communications.

Steve also suggested interest in the Kansas State QSO Party that will be on the air on 27 August 2017. There will be certificates and prizes for certain accomplishments during the event. All information is available in QST.

On weekends of 7+8 October and 14+15 October, once again the region will host **Fall Foliage Festival** – KE3ZT advised that BCARS will require a large turnout of volunteers for this event. **Please contact Steve with your availability for both weekends.** The event will need operators at each parking lot and selected downtown intersections. Also on the weekend of 14 October, is the PA State QSO Party. Plans may be made for K3NQT to participate in the QSO party from the NGV.

With no further business, President Kenny - WB3JEK adjourned the meeting at 2026 local time. The next BCARS meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 7 September 2017 at 1930 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lloyd -

Lloyd Bankson Roach – K3QNT
BCARS -Secretary