



## **MINUTES OF BCARS CLUB MEETING Thursday, 7 September 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 1930 hours in Room #303 of the Bedford County Courthouse Annex by President Kenny Burtnett – WB3JEK. A quorum was declared.**

- In attendance: KA3PNL, KA3UDR, KB3DFZ, KC3AFO, K3QNT, KC3DNB, KC3FPA, KC3HKZ, KC3IFL, KE3ZT, W3DRW , WB3JEK & W4NMP.

President Kenny requested that K3QNT read the minutes. KC3AFO made the motion to approve the August minutes, seconded by KC3IFL. Approved all in favor.

**Treasurer's Report  
provided by KC3DNB**

**Summary**

**September 2017**

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Petty Cash: -0-  
Checking Account: \$4,859.43  
Savings Account: \$1,819.37

**Total: \$6,678.80**

Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report KC3IFL  
Seconded by KA3PNL  
All in Favor

Steve KC3DNB reported deposits, disbursements and transfers from the general account. All is detailed in the Treasurer's Report available upon request.

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### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Martin Hill Repeater 146.7900**

**WB3JEK** reported that the Martin Hill repeater is working well. The improved antenna installation project is moving slowly but still underway.

#### **New APRS Digipeater on Mount Dallas, Everett**

**KB3DFZ** reported on the successful installation of the new Mount Dallas APRS Digipeater. John commented that through his contact with the new Mount Dallas APRS site, a contract employee of PROCOM may be able to help us expedite the project. He will report any progress during the next meeting. Judging from signal reports and observations from the APRS map, coverage has been encouraging. John's long-range plan is to take advantage of the Internet service available at the site so the digipeater can report directly to the Internet. There followed some discussion that the 145.270 Somerset Repeater site would make a good APRS location as well. KB3DFZ stated that we will address that as soon as Mount Dallas and Martin Hill are fully functional.

#### **August Bedford Bike Event**

**KE3ZT**, the club Activities Director reported on another successful Public Service Event for BCARS. The event was held in Bedford and Somerset Counties. Starting point and CP were at Shawnee State Park. There was some discussion of "Lessons Learned," especially with regard to participant contact with BCARS

Shawnee State Park. There was some discussion of “Lessons Learned,” especially with regard to participant contact with BCARS volunteers. K3QNT suggested that perhaps having a BCARS representative participate in the pre-race meeting would enable the bikers, runners or other participants to better understand our role in the exercise. KE3ZT agreed that better communication with the event leaders always makes for a better exercise.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**WB3JEK** reported that Mark Leibfreid, KC3CMF has resigned as the ARRL Liaison for our VEC Exams. Everyone in BCARS wishes to thank Mark for his highly effective work in the past, which resulted in a record number of new hams licensed by BCARS. Mark brought a new level of professionalism to the task. He will be a hard act to follow. Thank you Mark!

**KB3DFZ** has volunteered to become the new VE Liaison to the ARRL. Everyone thanked John for stepping up. We wish him every success. John announced the next scheduled VE program, promoted as a “Ham Cram,” will be on Friday 3 November and Saturday 4 November. Plans are being made to re-locate the test site to the American Legion Building on Route 220. John reported also that the NGV Van has been moved to his property temporarily. KC3IFL offered to have the van live at his QTH if requested. In addition to Fall Foliage, the van is expected to appear at the Halloween Parade and Veterans Day on 11 November. Please visit [www.bcars.org](http://www.bcars.org) for details on all the above.

**WB3JEK** read from an email that had come into his possession from Kevin Hampson, Chairman of the Fall Foliage Festival. In the email, Mr. Hampson stated in a long missive that there was no longer any need for BCARS’ participation in the Fall Foliage Festival event. Much discussion centered on BCARS’ significant safety and SAR contributions in past years at Fall Foliage. KA3UDR asserted that the Fall Foliage Festival presents an excellent drill platform for the annual Simulated Emergency Test or “SET” exercise. Mr. Elliott already has an incident scenario prepared for this fall. Since the Hampson notice had not been formally transmitted directly to President Burnett or to Mr. Elliott, the County ARES Emergency Coordinator, KA3UDR, it was decided after some discussion that K3QNT and KA3UDR would meet immediately with Kellie Goodman Shaffer, CEO of the Bedford County Chamber of Commerce and Fall Foliage Committee member. The purpose of the proposed meeting is to seek some clarification and determine if this decision was made by the committee or Mr. Hampson unilaterally, without the committee’s knowledge.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Lloyd Bankson Roach – K3QNT-- BCARS Secretary