



BEDFORD COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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Meetings take place at 7:30PM on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Bedford County Courthouse, 200 Juliana St, Bedford, PA.

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, 4 January 2018

A meeting of the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society came to order at 1931 hours within the “Board Room” on the first floor of the Bedford County Courthouse Building. The meeting started a minute late due to the cold.

In attendance were: John/KB3DFZ, John/KC3KKY, Keith/KC3AFO, Jim/KC3FPA, Elsie/KC3BTD, Annika Meloy (guest), Steve/KC3DNB, Gary/KC3HKZ, Kenny/WB3JEK, Bob/KC3IFL, Steve/KE3ZT, Bernie/W3DRW.

Meeting was called to order by **President, Kenny Burtnett - WB3JEK**. Kenny declared a quorum and requested that KB3DFZ read the November and December minutes. Motion to approve was made by KC3IFL and seconded by KC3HKZ. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report presented by KC3DNB. Steve discussed various checks received, checks issued and cash deposits. The ending balances are:

Savings Account	\$1,819.42
Checking Account	\$4,785.24
Petty Cash	\$0.00
Total	\$6,604.66

A motion to approve was made by KC3AFO, seconded by KC3IFL. Motion carried.
eThe full treasurer's report is attached to these minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

Martin Hill Repeater: No new updates on the Martin Hill repeater project. While we may get more specific details, it is unlikely that physical work will be performed before the weather warms up in the spring.

Dinner Meeting: The BCARS Holiday Dinner meeting was a huge success and fun was had by all.

New Years Eve: KC3IFL reported that the DBI New Years Eve Race Car Drop went well. There were 5 members present, with additional members checking in by radio. The race car was dropped by crane in the Bedford Squares at midnight, UTC.

NEW BUSINESS

WB3JEK will not be able to attend February or March meetings. Vice-President **KC3HKZ** will be presiding over those meetings.

Activities Manager, KE3ZT, reported on upcoming activities for the 2018 calendar year. All pending events are awaiting dates and a request from the sponsoring organization.

- Feb 3rd: Amateur Radio Q&A
- Feb 17th: VE Licensing Session
- April/pending: Bloody Run Canoe Classic
- April 7th: Amateur Radio Q&A
- April 21st: VE Licensing Session
- May/pending: H & BT Triathlon
- May/pending: Hyndman Health Care Center 5k
- June 23rd-24th: Field Day and VE Session
- July 14th: Amateur Radio Q&A
- July 28th: VE Licensing Session
- August/pending: Bedford County Outdoor Challenge
- October/pending: Fall Foliage
- Nov 3rd: Amateur Radio Q&A
- Nov 17th: VE Licensing Session

KC3HKZ also relayed that we need to find out when the Alum Bank Car Classic will be held and we should plan for it, as we have been asked “last minute” in previous years to participate.

KB3DFZ moved the KE3ZT pursue scheduling all pending events presented. Seconded by KC3IFL. Motion carried.

Vehicle Registration is up for renewal. This is a pre-approved expense, and after some discussion it was decided for KC3DNB to continue with single-year renewal instead of 2-years. Additionally, the address was updated to go to KB3DFZ’s QTH. Additionally, KC3DNB will be renewing our equipment coverage, which is due in January.

W3DRW suggested that we create and put a list of common and emergency frequencies we would use into the club’s radio room. KB3DFZ agreed to speak with the club’s RACES coordinator, K3QNT about this.

Speaking of the radio room, KB3DFZ discussed providing remote access to the HF radio within the radio room. The Kenwood TS-2000 has a capability known as SkyCommand which allows a similiary equipped Kenwood unit to control the TS-2000 over a VHF or UHF simplex frequency. The club has 3 such handhelds, as well as a mobile unit in the van. The other option is a device called the PigRemote, which would allow access to the radio through a computer. Such options would allow members with General privileges to get on HF without having to expend too much in funds.

With no further business, President Burtnett declared the meeting adjourned at 2015 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Hogenmiller, KB3DFZ
BCARS Secretary