



MINUTES OF BCARS CLUB MEETING Thursday, 1 March 2018

**President: Kenneth L. Burtnett – WB3JEK
Vice-President: Gary L. Metivier – KC3HKZ
Treasurer: Steven G. Stiffler – KC3DNB
Secretary: John Hogenmiller - KB3DFZ**

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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 Vice-President Gary L. Metivier, KC3HKZ. A quorum was declared.

- In attendance were: KA3PNL, K3QNT, W8YCM, KC3AFO, K3SCM, KC3FPA, KC3KFW, KC3HKZ, KC3DNB, KC3IFL, KA3UDR, W4NMP, KC3KXK, WA3UXP, W3DRW, KC3KKY, KE3ZT & KB3DFZ.

Vice-President Metivier requested that K3QNT read the minutes. KE3ZT moved to approve the February and January minutes, seconded by KC3IFL. Approved all in favor.

**Treasurer's Report
provided by KC3DNB**

Summary

March 2017

Petty Cash: -0-
Checking Account: \$4,653.12
Savings Account: \$1,819.47

Total: \$6,472.59

Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report KC3IF
Seconded by KC3KKY
All in Favor

Steve KC3DNB reported deposits, disbursements and cash transfers to the general account. He also reviewed several "per-approved" expenditures such as insurance and vehicle registration for the NGV. All is detailed in the Treasurer's Report available upon request.

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OLD BUSINESS

K3SCM reported the Space Station Activity conducted at W3YA at State College. Apparently in the middle of the desired contact with the space station the W3YA repeater timed-out ending all communications. Nevertheless, it was an important local effort by W3YA and those who organized it. Thanks to K3SCM for the report.

KC3HKZ advised the members that he sent flowers to Patti, KC3DNA, widow of Mark Leibfried KC3CMF-SK. K3QNT moved to reimburse Gary. The motion was seconded by KC3IFL. KA3UDR suggested that BCARS establish a permanent ham radio club at the Legion in Mark's honor along the lines of K3BFD at the Fort Bedford Radio Club. K3QNT volunteered to explore the creation of a Legion Club along with acquiring KC3CMF as a vanity club call sign.

Secretary KB3DFZ read a letter received from Patti Leibfreid, KC3DNA. She expressed appreciation to BCARS members for their condolences and support during this time of mourning.

KA3UDR noted the large amount of licensed hams in Bedford County, who are not presently members of BCARS. (Approximately 164) Steve suggested we re-examine a method used in the past to recruit these recalcitrant members. The Club would send an invitation to the FCC data base of non-members to attend a highly visible Field Day location in June of 2018. Steve mentioned that our President, WB3JEK was recruited by this method. Discussion ensued regarding these ideas.

KC3IFL explained that the Bedford American Legion Post 113 will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion on 10 March 2018. Bob suggested that it would be appropriate for BCARS to have a "Live" demonstration of Ham Radio in the lobby of the legion on that day. In commemoration of KC3CMF, who was an official of the "*Sons of the Legion*", he suggested we use his call for the Special Event Station. Although too late to be promoted in QST, the event could be publicized locally. After some discussion of using the antenna trailer and/or the NGV. It was decided that the NGV would provide a good presentation and antenna support for the temporary station.

W3DRW graciously offered to provide remove the NGV from his spacious airplane hanger for use at the Special Event Station.

NEW BUSINESS

KC3IFL congratulated, club members **KC3KFW**, Carl who recently upgraded to General Class and **KC3KXK**, Scott, newly licensed as a Technician Class Operator. We hope to hear both of them on the bands frequently.

With no further business, **Vice-President Gary - KC3HKZ** adjourned the meeting at 1958 local time. The next BCARS meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 5 April 2018 at 1930 hours. Same Bat Time – Same Bat Channel.

Following the business meeting, **K3QNT** made a presentation about his recent visit to the 1,000 acre transmitter site of the nation's largest Shortwave Station, **WRMI – Radio Miami International**. A copy of the power point slides will be made available upon request.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Lloyd Bankson Roach – **K3QNT**—

Part-time Retired Assistant Recorder in the absence of **KB3DFZ**