



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, 6 JUNE 2019

A meeting of the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society came to order at **1935** hours within the in Room #303 of the Bedford County Courthouse Annex by **President Kenny Burtnett** and a quorum was declared.

In attendance were:K3QNT, KB3DFZ, KC3CMI, KC3FPA, KC3FSX, KC3HKZ, KC3IFL, KC3KFW, KC3KKY, KC3NAF, KE3ZT, W3DRW, W3MAB, WB3JEK.

President Kenny Burtnett requested that KB3DFZ read the May minutes. Motion to approve was made by **KC3HKZ** and seconded by **KC3IFL**. Motion carried.

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

Petty Cash	\$85.00
Checking Account	\$1072.56
Savings Account	\$6,819.80
Total	\$7,977.36

A motion to approve was made by **KC3IFL**, seconded by **K3QNT**. Motion carried. The full treasurer's report is attached to these minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

Field Day - WB3JEK reports that Field Day will be at Lake Shawnee East Beach pavilion on June 22nd-23rd. We need people to arrive early, around 9am to help setup. The pavilion will have tables and chairs, so BCARS only needs to setup radio equipment and antennas. A limited number of vehicles will be able to pull up to the pavilion for loading and unloading, but the majority of visitors should park in regular parking. A map with directions to the pavilion will be sent out to the group.

STUDY GUIDES - WB3JEK inquired about General study guides. KB3DFZ said that the KB6NU No-Nonsense General study guide paperback version has recently become available at \$10 each. These will be good from July 2019 through June 2023. It was agreed to order 3 of them for club use.

New Member Baofengs - KA3UDR was going to look into these, but was not available at tonight's meeting to provide an update. A ten pack of Baofeng UV-5Rs will run about \$200.

Alleghenies Grant - WB3JEK read a letter from **Community Foundation for the Alleghenies**, informing us of funds release for our grant for the repeater upgrade project. We also received a check in the amount of \$3,300 which was given to the treasurer to be deposited.

NEW BUSINESS

Repeaters - KB3DFZ reported that the 440 machine was taken up to the repeater site. However, the club's VHF/UHF analyzer was used and we found that all three antennas at the site have issues. The 2M antenna has an SWR of 2.6-2.8 across the 2M band. The 220 and 440 antennas are showing infinite SWR. Due to the bad antennas, the new 440 was not connected. We are currently reaching out to get prices on antennas and finding some riggers to install them. The tower is owned by SBA Communications, and the county is only a tenant on this tower. **MOTION** by **K3QBT** was made to get all three antennas and feedline replaced, seconded by **KC3HKZ**. Motion carried.

Annual Picnic - WB3JEK reported that this year's picnic will take place on **August 17th at Merrit's Pond**, starting around noon. Instead of doing a covered dish like we have in the past, Lloyd/K3QNT will look into catering for the event. This will include food and drinks, though members can bring any additional drinks or snacks they would like to have at the event.

Washington Run Park - WB3JEK reported that on August 3rd and 4th, there will be an amateur radio mobile communications exhibit in Perryopolis, PA. Event organizers are asking if BCARS can bring their Comm Van, set it up, and demonstrate it to visitors. There will be comm vans, go kits, GOTA stations, and other exhibits at this event. This will be a two day event, so volunteers would have to find lodging accommodations. Kenny is asking for volunteers and will be gathering more details as they become available.

Repeater Committee - KE3ZT proposed the formation of a repeater committee that will be responsible for the repair and upgrade of the BCARS repeaters, with the ability to make reasonable purchases without waiting on a monthly meeting for approval. These purchases would require Presidential

approval and would have to be for the express goal of improving the repeater equipment. **K3QNT motioned** to approve this committee, appointing KB3DFZ as chairman, and including WB3JEK, KA3UDR, and KC3NAF. Seconded by W3DRW, motion carried.

Digital Committee - KE3ZT motioned for an additional digital communications committee, responsible for researching, training, and standardizing on digital radio communications that the club will use for EMCOMM and Auxiliary nets. This committee will explore the goals of integrating digital radio communication, then select appropriate software, modes, and procedures to meet those goals. Seconded by W3DRW, motion carried.

July Meeting - The first Thursday in July is July 4th, Independence Day. WB3JEK motioned that we move the July meeting up to take place during field day (June 22nd). KB3DFZ seconded. Motion carried.

With no further business, **President Kenny Burnett** declared the meeting adjourned at **2027** hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hogenmiller, KB3DFZ
BCARS Secretary