



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, 7 NOVEMBER 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, KA3UDR, KB3DFZ, KC3CMI, KC3FPA, KC3HKZ, KC3IFL, KC3KKY, KC3KHK, KC3MMX, KE3ZT, W3DRW, W3MAB, WMB3JEK.

President Kenny Burtnett requested that KB3DFZ read the October minutes. Motion to approve was made by K3QNT and seconded by KA3UDR. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report presented by KB3DFZ. John discussed various checks received, checks issued and cash deposits. The ending balances are:

Petty Cash	\$0.00
Checking Account	\$1,530.75
Savings Account	\$1,109.99
Total	\$2,550.74

A motion to approve was made by **KC3KKY**, seconded by **KC3HKZ**. Motion carried. The full treasurer's report is attached to these minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

The Workshop on November 2nd was well received. KB3DFZ demonstrated the use of computer controlled radio, but local (in-vehicle) and remote over your home network or Internet. Additionally, there was a demonstration of using cheap software-defined RTL SDR adapters to watch one or more bands at once. KA3UDR discussed possible roles for BCARS in an emergency communications scenario.

Final Repeater Upgrade Update - at this time, all three Kinton Knob repeaters are online and working well. MultiComm discovered a cabling issue and did some duplexer tuning on the 440. All antennas and feedline have been significantly upgraded from the prior setup. While the 145 and 224 repeaters are old, they are working well. No further work is planned for the repeaters in 2019. We may revisit replacing those and upgrading Martin Hill in 2020 depending on fundraising capabilities.

Set Exercise was done in a timely manner and a large quantity of traffic was passed with proficiency. Several members reported being able to copy digital and phone traffic even if they were not the intended recipient. If the EOC was unable to continue relaying traffic, it is believed one of the other stations would have been able to take over. MFSK32 proved to be a very reliable mode for regional HF communication. KA3UDR explained that in our simulation, the actual message content does not matter, just our ability to pass them. In a real scenario, we would be shadowing an official and passing traffic from them.

Pennsylvania State Police - K3QNT reported that he has been in contact with a PSP representative and is optimistic that we may be able to do a joint drill with them in the future.

Halloween Parade. KC3IFL drove the BCARS emergency communications van in the Bedford Halloween Parade and represented the club quite while.

PA Phone and Traffic Net. Similar to the WPA Phone and Traffic Net, there is now a statewide net on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 2000 hours on 3910khz.

NEW BUSINESS

Next meeting will take place at Ed's Steakhouse in Bedford, starting at 1830. Please bring family and friends.

Officer Nominations. The positions of Secretary, Activities Manager, and 1-year trustee are to be voted up on in December. The following people have been nominated:

- W3DRW nominated for 1-year trustee.
- KC3CMI nominated for 1-year trustee.
- KE3ZT nominated for Activities Manager, unopposed.
- KB3DFZ nominated for Secretary.
- KC3MMX nominated for Secretary.

Fundraising. K3QNT discussed his fundraising efforts for BCARS initiatives. There has been \$8200 raised in late 2018 through 2019 for the repeater upgrade project and other capital expenditures. He passed around a list of places we have raised money from and asked members to suggest other sources. Lloyd suggests that if we go fundraising in the future, choose clubs that run games of chance and pay into the PA Gambling Fund. The funds raised from gambling have to be contributed to charity and can not be spent entirely on themselves. Often these organizations are flush with cash. Also, if you're only planning to contact them once a year, tell them that. Organizations are more willing to give to a charity once a year than to a group that comes in every couple of months. Also, large corporations often have a foundation to do community donations, so any recommendations along those lines is appreciated.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at **2019** hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hogenmiller

John Hogenmiller, KB3DFZ
BCARS Secretary