



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, 3 September 2020

A meeting of the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society came to order at **1930** hours within Room #303 of the Bedford County Courthouse Annex by **President Kenny Burtnett** and a quorum was declared.

In attendance were (12): KB3DFZ, KC3NAF, KC3FPA, W4NMP, K3SCM, W3DRW, K3QNT, KC3IFL, George (guest), KC3FOZ, Julie Kuhne (guest), KA3UDR, KC3BTD, WB3JEK, KC3KHK, W3MAB, KC3HKZ, N3EYF, KK3F, K3EZT, and KC3NFD.

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

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

Petty Cash	\$40.00
Checking Account	\$719.63
Savings Account	\$3,520.35
Total	\$4,279.98

A motion to approve was made by **KC3IFL**, seconded by **KC3NAF**. Motion carried. The full treasurer's report is attached to these minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

The annual members picnic was well attended and all members reported having a good time. Kenny, WB3JEK thanked everyone that attended and made it a success.

Repeater Updates

The 224.480 repeater was repaired by MultiComm. The audio driver had failed, however, they were able to re-route the audio from the receiver's front speaker into the transmitter.

The 444.2 repeater is deaf and has been removed from service. It is being sent to the vendor for repair. John/KB3DFZ has shipped this via Fedex and it will arrive next week.

The 146.790 repeater has been sent to MultiComm for further inspection. A cooling fan was placed at the repeater site, but that fan seized up and stopped working.

MultiComm did an inspection of the Martin Hill site. There is an existing hard line run in place we wanted to use, but was told it belonged to the CAP. Elsie Malloy and Julie Kuhne from CAP were in attendance at this meeting and believe they can grant us permission to use this hard line as it is no longer on their books and is not in use.

The 145.490 repeater antenna was replaced by a Super Station Master and the bad antenna was taken down and shipped to Commander Technologies for Warranty replacement. This shipment cost \$308. John/KB3DFZ has followed up. Commander Technologies claims to have inspected the antenna and found no issues. They want \$250 to ship it back to us. **After much discussion, KC3NAF made a motion** that we ask about a cost to repair, to see if we can get an alternate refurbished antenna, and a certificate from Commander that the antenna they send us is in good working order. **Seconded by K3QNT.** Motion carried.

Fall Set Exercise - KC3NAF distributed detailed planning handouts, a map, and ICS forms for the upcoming fall set exercise. BCARS will have a tabletop planning exercise on **September 26th at 10AM in room 303 at the Bedford County Courthouse.** This meeting will include representatives from the Fire Department, the dog search and rescue teams, and other volunteer services. The Fall Set exercise itself will take place on October 3rd, starting approximately around 10AM. Since this simulates a real emergency, BCARS volunteers will be called up at the discretion of the Fire Chief leading the SAR simulation.

Antenna Party for Bill, N3EYF will take place on September 19th, starting at 9AM. Event details and directions are available on bcars.org website.

NEW BUSINESS

New Members - WB3JEK made a motion to extend a free membership to **Dave (NU3T) and Jerry (NR3T)** as appreciation for all they've done to help us with our repeaters. **Seconded by KC3NAF.** Motion carried.

VE Session September 12th. A number of volunteers from CAP and elsewhere would like to get licensed in order to assist with the fall set exercise. BCARS will host a special VE Session on September 12th at the Bedford American Legion, starting at 1PM.

Morgan Burrow, W3MAB has offered to create a radio propagation plot for our Martin Hill tower site with the planned increase in elevation of our 146.790 antenna.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **2043 hours.**

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hogenmiller

John Hogenmiller, KB3DFZ
BCARS Secretary