



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 January 2021

A meeting of the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society was called to order at **1930** hours within Room #**110** of the Bedford County Courthouse Annex by **President Zachary Pepple** and a quorum was declared.

In attendance were (16): KB3DFZ, KC3DNB, KA3UDR, WB3JEK, W3DRW, KC3NFD, KC3FOZ, KC3FPA, KC3HKZ, KC3KHK, KC3NAF, KC3QOD. Remote Attendees include: KC4RCR, N3EYF, N3JZH, K3EZT.

President Zachary Pepple requested that KB3DFZ read November minutes. Motion to approve was made by **KC3NAF** and seconded by **KC3FOZ**. Motion carried.

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

Petty Cash	\$0.00
Checking Account	\$672.42
Savings Account	\$4,820.44
Total	\$5,492.86

A motion to approve was made by **W3DRW**, seconded by **KC3HKZ**. Motion carried. The full treasurer's report is on file.

OLD BUSINESS

WB3JEK reports that bandpass filters have arrived from DX Engineering and will be available for future field day events.

WB3JEK had the Comm Van inspected and it is good for another year. KC3DNB reports that insurance is due for the van and that will be sent in later this month.

Winter Field Day will be done from home, due to COVID. There will be no group winter field day or cabin rental.

Clearances - Repeater Team members have submitted their information to request clearances, but that work is still pending.

NEW BUSINESS

MultiComm has offered to build a 6M repeater for BCARS, including a UPS, 2 radios, duplexer, and connections for a controller. The cost will be around \$1000. BCARS would be responsible for an antenna and feedline. Motion was made by KB3DFZ to purchase the repeater, seconded by KC3NAF. Motion carried.

For the 6M repeater pair, KC3NAF motioned that we pick an appropriate frequency set that meets the 100 mile spacing guidelines, and we will work on coordination later. Seconded by KC3FOZ, motion carried.

For 2021, VE Sessions and Workshops will be combined. A schedule is not yet set, as the Legion that hosts our sessions has been closed due to staffing issues. Our VE sessions will take place at 9:30AM, and the workshop portion will go to 12:30PM.

KB3DFZ presented pros and cons of moving to Laurel VEC. The pros would be no cost for examinees, faster license turnaround (typically 24-48 hours). The main con would be that BCARS would be responsible for all expenses related test sessions, as opposed to being field stocked by the ARRL. KC3NAF motioned that we pursue switching, seconding by KC3HKZ. Motion Carried. KB3DFZ volunteered to be the VE coordinator, with KC3DNB as the deputy.

KB3DFZ informed the club that an agreement was reached between BCARS, Bedford County, and CrowsNest to provide Internet connectivity to each repeater site, which will allow BCARS to link their repeaters and provide remote control of the sma.e

KC3NAF conducted a training session on ARES and RACES as it relates to BCARS. The slides are available on the BCARS.ORG website.

There will be a SET exercise on April 3rd, with several planning sessions planned between now and then.

Bedford County sent certificates thanking BCARS members for their assistance during the November General election. These were distributed to all participants.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2100 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hogenmiller

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BCARS Secretary