



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, 4 February 2021

A meeting of the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society was called to order at **1930** hours within Room #**330** of the Bedford County Courthouse Annex by **Vice President Gary Metivier** and a quorum was declared.

In attendance were (17): KB3DFZ, KC3HKZ, KC3DNB, KC3FPA, W4NMP, KC3QBZ, KC3NAF, KC3QOD, KA3UDR, Remote Attendees include: KC3KHK, W3DRW, N3EYF, WB3JEK, K3SCM, KC3NFE, K3QNT, N3JZH.

Vice President Gary Metivier requested that KB3DFZ read January minutes. Motion to approve was made by **W4NMP** and seconded by **KA3UDR**. 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	\$365.47
Savings Account	\$7,120.56
Total	\$7,486.03

A motion to approve was made by **KC3NAF**, seconded by **W4NMP**. Motion carried. The full treasurer's report is on file.

OLD BUSINESS

John/KB3DFZ discussed the **6M repeater project**. KC3NAF and KB3DFZ paid a visit to MultiComm. Dave was able to get our Raspberry-Pi based controller working with the 6M radios. We also provided a list of a dozen available 6M pairs, they will pick a suitable pair that should work best with these radios and the duplexers. We also requested a backup set of radios. They will obtain the remaining parts and start putting everything together.

2M Repeater. In addition to the 6M repeater discussion, we took the backup 2M repeater from Patty (KC3DNA)'s QTH to MultiComm. They will give it a health check and look into what crystals we will need to bring it to our frequency pair.

KA3UDR reported that a contact with the Saxton Fire Police has access to a **tower site near Saxton** and we may be able to use it in the future for a repeater.

Tower Access - KC3NAF reports that we are still waiting for clearances to be processed by the EOC for CJIS access. He will continue to pursue that.

NEW BUSINESS

Backup Power - recently, there was a power outage that impacted the town of Bedford, the Kinton Knob communications buildings, and the Cessna Communications AM/FM radio stations. BCARS learned that there is a shared generator on Kinton Knob that did not activate. While the EOC is planning to rectify this in the spring, BCARS plans to acquire a UPS to provide around 2 hours of emergency power for our 2M repeater.

KC3NAF motioned that the club purchase 2 suitable UPSes, one for Kinton and one for Martin Hill. Seconded by N3EYF, motion carried.

EOC Room Access - for any routine access to the radio room at the EOC, please contact Dave Cubbison ahead of time so that he can inform the 911 staff.

Search and Rescue - the April 3rd SAR exercise has been pushed to October in order to allow more time for better coordination with other agencies. There will be a communications drill on the weekend of April 3rd.

Honorary Membership - KB3DFZ motioned to renew the honorary membership for Dave (NU3T) and Jerry (NR3T) for the 2021 year. Seconded by KA3UDR, motion carried. Dave & Jerry will be planning a hamfest in March or April to clear out their business inventory.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2020 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hogenmiller

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BCARS Secretary