



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 March 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 **President Zachary Pepple** and a quorum was declared.

In attendance were (17): KB3DFZ, KC3KHK, KC3QBZ, W4NMP, N2XRE, KA3UDR, KC3FOZ, KC3FPA, KC3QOD, K3QNT, KC3CMI, and KC3DNB. Remote Attendees include: KC3NAF, K3SCM, W3DRW, N3JZH, KC3NFD, N3EYF.

President Zachary Pepple requested that KB3DFZ read **February** minutes. Motion to approve was made by **KA3UDR** and seconded by **K3QNT**. 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	\$173.47
Savings Account	\$6,620.56
Total	\$6,794.03

A motion to approve was made by **W4NMP**, seconded by **KC3FOZ**. Motion carried. The full treasurer's report is on file.

OLD BUSINESS

6M Repeater Update - KB3DFZ presented updates around the 6M repeater. Multicom completed the radio and controller portion of the repeater has been completed and is in KC3NAF's possession. **BCARS selected 53.15Mhz with a -1Mhz split for the repeater pair.** Unfortunately, the duplexer MultiComm intended to sell us won't tune up into the ham bands. KB3DFZ spoke with Scott Zimmerman (N3XCC) who has a set of 6M duplexers available. He will tune them up to our frequency pair (53.15/52.15) and we can pick them up in Somerset. We still need to order the antenna, a Cushcraft AR-6, and feedline.

In other repeater news, a few updates:

- In January, Kinton Knob suffered a power failure and the backup generator did not engage. KB3DFZ has purchased a set of UPSes to provide interim backup power for both Kinton Knob and Martin Hill.
- The club's backup Motorola Micro is tuned for 162Mhz and can't be brought to the ham bands. However, the power supply can be used for our 6M repeater, and the Power Amplifier might be usable on Kinton Knob's 2M repeater.
- Repeater team members have been fingerprinted for CJIS clearance and that process is still ongoing.

April 3rd Comm Exercise. After some discussion, K3NQT moved that BCARS participate in the April 3rd ARES SET exercise, to be coordinated by K3EZT. Seconded by KA3UDR, motion carried. Updates to follow.

NEW BUSINESS

Lost Turkey Trail is June 18th. Motion by KB3DFZ to support, seconded by KC3FOZ. Motion carried. KC3FOZ will coordinate this event with the LTT coordinator (Jenn).

A Disaster Communications Presentation was delivered by K3QNT. Lloyd covered the history of disaster communications and the various organizations BCARS has worked with in support. These include ARRL's ARES, FEMA's RACES, and PEMA's Auxiliary Communication Services (ACS).

KB3DFZ motioned that BCARS make PEMA ACS our primary affiliation for disaster communications, and reduce our involvement with ARES, while still maintaining our ARRL Special Service Club status. Seconded by K3QNT, motion carried.

KB3DFZ motioned that K3QNT become the new BCARS ACS Coordinator. Seconded by KA3UDR. Motion carried. Lloyd will work on getting BCARS registered with ACS and provide information on individual member registration and training opportunities.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **2056** hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hogenmiller

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BCARS Secretary