



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 Oct 2021

A meeting of the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society was called to order at **1931** hours within Room #**303** of the Bedford County Courthouse Annex by **President Zachary Pepple** and a quorum was declared.

In attendance were (12): KC3KHK, KB3DFZ, KC3HKZ, W3DRW, N2XRE, WB3JEK, KC3IFL, KC3NAF, K3SCM, KC3QOD, N3EYF, KC3NFD

President Zachary Pepple requested that KB3DFZ read the **September** minutes. Motion to approve was made by **KC3NAF** and seconded by **KC3IFL**. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was not available for this meeting.

Petty Cash	\$
Checking Account	\$
Savings Account	\$
Total	\$

Martin Hill Tower Lease

Taking priority over any other old and new business, KB3DFZ presented a lease agreement provided by REC for their tower on Martin Hill. This lease would provide BCARS full access to the tower site, ability to install equipment in the building and on the tower for \$1/year. BCARS would be responsible for maintaining liability insurance, utilities, and the cost of any maintenance or upgrades to the site. Several concerns were raised regarding this lease, such as a 30 day termination clause and a 60 day

clause that allows the owner to assume any position on the tower. The biggest concern is that BCARS could spend money to make the tower site usable and then immediately lose access to the site. It was decided to see if BCARS could get a longer lease or stronger terms. No motion or vote was taken at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

September 11th Parades - BCARS participated in Bedford's Veterans Day and 250th Anniversary Parades.

Repeater Updates - KB3DFZ provided an update on repeaters. On September 18th, Ed, Tony, and John spent 5 hours at the Martin Hill site getting it prepared. All hardline and antennas were delivered. Power, cabling, and lighting protection were prepared. All that remains is attaching a grounding bar and installing the antennas on the tower. Our climber was originally scheduled for the following week, but unfortunately came down with Covid and this work will get rescheduled into October.

NEW BUSINESS

Halloween Parade October 24th @ 6PM. KC3IFL volunteered to drive the van in the Halloween parade. Zach will enter BCARS into the parade.

Elections There will be Nominations for office in the November meeting. Voting will take place in December. Up for election is the position of Secretary, Activities Manager, and our 1-year Trustee.

Holiday Dinner. BCARS will once again hold their December Holiday Meeting at Ed's Steak House. The meeting will be on December 2nd, starting at 6:30PM. Members are encouraged to invite friends and family, please let Zach know how many will be attending so we can provide an accurate head count.

Winter Field Day - will we have it? Winter Field Day takes place January 29th-30th. Much like last year, individuals will be able to work from home and contribute to the overall club score. This issue was tabled to the November meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **2030** hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hogenmiller

John Hogenmiller, KB3DFZ
BCARS Secretary