



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 July 2022

A meeting of the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society was called to order at **1935** hours in **Bedford County Courthouse room 303** by **President Zachary Pepple** and a quorum was declared.

In attendance were (10): **KB3DFZ, KC3KHK, KA3UDR, N2XRE, KE3ZT, W3DRW, KC3HKZ, N3EYF, KC3NAF, K3SCM**

President Zachary Pepple requested that **KB3DFZ** read **June** minutes. Motion to approve was made by **KA3UDR** and seconded by **W3DRW**. Motion carried.

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

Petty Cash	\$0.00
Checking Account	\$1,842.36
Savings Account	\$3,821.39
Total	\$5,663.75

A motion to approve was made by **KC3HKZ**, seconded by **KE3ZT**. Motion carried. The full treasurer's report is on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Field Day - KC3KHK provided a report on the progress of field day. The field day report has been submitted with a grand total of 1,944 points. Zach thanked everyone that participated.

Repeater Update - **KB3DFZ** discussed the current state of the repeaters. The **UPS** at Kinton Knob has an issue where it did not turn itself back on after the last two power failures. This UPS has been bypassed

and KB3DFZ is attemptint to replicate the issue at his house. Additionally, the Kinton site now has a trailer mounted 30kw generator in place to provide backup power until the new permanent generator arrives.

The **145.490 antenna** has been tested and needs to be replaced. There is another 2M antenna available at no cost, and Shane Imler is available for climbing. We estimate between \$200 and \$500 for the work. **KB3DFZ motions** that the club get the antenna replaced. **Seconded by KC3HKZ. Motion carried.**

DMR Repeater - The DMR repeater provided by Dan, KE3UC has been reprogrammed onto the 444.2 frequency and placed at Kinton Knob. This allows for mixed use of both analog and digital (DMR) operation with our existing coverage area. For members listening to 444.2 analog, you will need to put a CTCSS (or TSQL) tone of 123.0Hz on both transmit AND receive. KB3DFZ, KC3HKZ and KE3ZT have tested DMR radios on the 440 repeater and are pleased with the results.

Club Spending - KB3DFZ presented a quick overview of the future expenditures list. This list is available to members on <https://docs.bcars.org/>. KA3UDR requested that we add a 15m bandpass filter to the list. The next steps will be to further organize the list into a table with line item numbers for the club to vote on.

NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming Events - July 10th is the Somerset hamfest. August 6th is the BCARS workshop and VE session. August 7th is the Berryville Hamfest. August 27th is the Lost Turkey Trails.

Picnic - BCARS annual picnic is coming up, but we do not have a location secured yet. **KB3DFZ motions** that we try to get a pavilion at Merrit's Pond for either the weekend of the 13th or 20th, but any suitable location as a backup. **Seconded by KE3ZT.** Zach will pursue getting a location and catering. Motion carried.

Simplex Drill - KB3DFZ and KE3ZT discussed BCARS start generating their own training opportunities since several of our usual community events have not been held the last several years. KE3ZT would like to perform an organized Simplex drill where members check into the repeater, but then make attempted contacts with other members. This is still being planned, with a goal of having this coincide with the Fall Set exercise in October (which is usually the first Saturday of the month).

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **2050** hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hogenmiller

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BCARS Secretary