



# 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.

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## MEETING MINUTES

### Thursday, November 3rd, 2022

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

In attendance were (15): **KB3DFZ, KA3UDR, KC3QOD, KE3ZT, WB3JEK, KC3DNB, Adan Lewis, KC3HKZ, N2XRE, W3DRW, KC3NFD, N3EYF, K3SCM, KC3NAF, KC3KHK.**

**President Zachary Pepple** requested that **KB3DFZ** read **October** minutes. Motion to approve was made by **KC3HKZ** and seconded by **N2XRE** Motion carried.

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

Petty Cash	\$1.00
Checking Account	\$1,918.48
Savings Account	\$3,821.57
Total	\$5,741.05

A motion to approve was made by **KA3UDR**, seconded by **KB3DFZ**. Motion carried. The full treasurer's report is on file.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Repeater Updates** - **KB3DFZ** reports that 1) the 145.490 antenna has been replaced for \$300. 2) The 145.490 has been switched over to the Tait TB8100 and linked to 146.790. Some audio issues still need to be resolved. 3) The 224.480 is currently offline, at **KB3DFZ**'s QTH for investigation. The 224 will "go deaf" after operating for 2-3 days, with the controller no longer noticing when a signal is received. The problem goes away after a power cycle.

**BCARS Simplex Test** results were presented by KE3ZT. Steve presented all 10 stations that participated on a Google Earth map, showing the 45 potential paths, with 21 being successful. The longest path of 68 miles was between Gary KC3KHK and Rousseau KC4RCR.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies** has awarded a \$3,000 grant to support funding improvements of our communication capabilities and repeater infrastructure. BCARS thanks Lloyd, K3QNT for his efforts in securing this grant and the Community Foundation for Alleghenies for their donation.

**New Group site** - KB3DFZ has setup an online group - [bcars.groups.io](http://bcars.groups.io) to replace the "BCARS Traffic" discourse site. This will be at no cost to BCARS. In addition to email, the new site provides a place for members to upload files, photos, add calendar entries, and has a "wiki" site for creating documents.

**Repeater Toolbox** - KB3DFZ suggested that BCARS put together a toolbox or toolbag to keep at the repeater sites for use when working on site. This would be basic hand tools such as screwdrivers, wrenches, pliers. They could also have as well as consumable supplies such as electrical tape, zip ties, duct tape, and hose clamps.

**OFFICER NOMINATIONS** were held for positions to be voted on in December.

**President:** Zach Pepple, KC3KHK was nominated by N3EYF, 2nd by KE3ZT.

**Vice-President:** Gary Metivier, KC3HKZ was nominated by N3EYF, 2nd by KE3ZT

**Vice-President:** Steve Elliot, KA3UDR was nominated by KB3DFZ, 2nd by KC3QOD.

**Treasurer:** Steve Stiffler, KC3DNB was nominated by N3EYF, 2nd by KE3ZT.

**1-year trustee:** Lloyd Roach, K3QNT was nominated by W3DRW, 2nd by KC3KHK.

**2-year trustee:** Bill Grover, N3EYF was nominated by KB3DFZ, 2nd by KE3ZT.

**5-year trustee:** Kip Kostenbauder, N2XRE was nominated by KB3DFZ, 2nd by W3DRW.

All nominations carried with no objections. Voting will take place at the December 1st holiday meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **2043** hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

*John Hogenmiller*

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BCARS Secretary