



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, 5 January 2023

A meeting of the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society was called to order at **1933** hours **Bedford County Courthouse room 303** by **President Zachary Pepple** and a quorum was declared. Due to inclement weather, it was decided not to hold an in-person meeting.

In attendance were (13): KB3DFZ, KC3KHK, KA3UDR, KE3ZT, Aden Lewis, N2XRE, KC3QOD, KC3DNB, KC3HKZ, K3SCM, N3EYF, KC3NAF, W3DRW.

President Zachary Pepple requested that KB3DFZ read **December** minutes. Motion to approve was made by **KA3DUR** and seconded by **KE3ZT**. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report presented by **KC3DNB**. **Steve** discussed various checks received, checks issued and cash deposits. **This report included receipt of a grant from the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies as reported in the December minutes.** The ending balances are:

Petty Cash	\$-
Checking Account	\$3,895.85
Savings Account	\$3,821.57
Total	\$7,717.42

A motion to approve was made by **KC3QOD**, seconded by **N2XRE**. Motion carried. The full treasurer's report is on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Summer Field Day - KA3UDR reports that the **Shawnee Valley Fire Department Picnic Area** used by BCARS in 2022 has been reserved for this year's Field Day - June 24th & 24th 2023. The price should be the same as last year and will be paid closer to the event date.

Repeaters - KB3DFZ reports that all repeaters are working and all analog repeaters are linked together. The 146.790 and 145.490 treat audio input levels a bit differently, so users may have to adjust how much they drive their microphone. Additionally, when operators should pause 1-3 seconds between keying up

and speaking to allow all the linked repeaters to activate. Without the pause, someone listening to a linked repeater might not receive the first couple seconds of your transmission.

VE Session and Workshop - KB3DFZ reminds members that our next VE session will be **January 21st** at the Bedford American Legion. VEs should arrive by 9AM, and the testing is to start at 9:30AM. Following the VE session at 11AM will be our workshop.

NEW BUSINESS

Stamps for the Wounded - KE3ZT shared a thank you card received from this veteran supporting organization. Thanks to Steve's effort, BCARS raised over 1,000 stamps for hospitalized and out-patient veterans.

School Outreach - KB3DFZ reported on working with Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 (AIU8), which provides funding and learning resources for local school districts. KB3DFZ and K3QNT did two Amateur Radio related presentations targeting middle school students at the Bedford Library. We also made contacts within the organization and this might lead to future opportunities to get school students involved with amateur radio.

Winter Field Day is January 28th and 29th. Kip/N2XRE would like to activate the EOC room for a portion of winter field day. KB3DFZ will reach out to the EMA director to obtain permission. Members that would like to also participate from the courthouse should let KB3DFZ or N2XRE know.

EOC Radio Room - **KB3DFZ** also stated that it would be good for the club to make more use of the EOC Radio Room, especially since the radios have been upgraded. The radio room now has HF, 2M, 220, 440, and DMR capabilities. The HF radio has a signalink attached so that a laptop could be connected for HF digital modes.

Activities for 2023 - KE3ZT asked members to think of and suggest training activities or community events that you would like to see the club support.

Aden is looking for solutions, including setting up a GMRS repeater to facilitate backup communications with family members in the Clearville/Chaneyville area. W3DRW volunteered to help Aden with signal checks.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **2040** hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hogenmiller

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BCARS Secretary