



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, 6 April 2023

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

In attendance were (9) John/KB3DFZ, Kip/N2XRE, Gary/KC3HKZ, Steve/KC3DNB, Bernie/W3DRW, Aden/KC3VLQ, Judy/KC3VBS, Steve/KE3ZT, Zach/KC3KHK

President Zachary Pepple requested that John/KB3DFZ read **March** minutes. Motion to approve was made by **Kenny/WB3JEK** and seconded by **Steve/KE3ZT**. Motion carried.

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

Petty Cash	-
Checking Account	\$3,067.74
Savings Account	\$3,821.77
Total	\$6,889.51

A motion to approve was made by **K3SCM**, seconded by **KC3QOD**. Motion carried. The full treasurer's report is on file.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Zack, KC3KHK thanked the following members for renewing their membership in March: Judy/KC3VBS, Aden/KC3VLQ, Scott/KC3UQH.

OLD BUSINESS

Repeater Updates - KB3DFZ reports that the repeaters on Kinton Knob did lose power during a windstorm on April 1st. John and Kip N2XRE went onsite to investigate. The generator was attempting to start but unable to. Crowsnest brought their own generator on site to keep their equipment going. It is believed that Waltowers have corrected the issue with the generator. If we lose power again for extended

period, it might be beneficial to take a generator up temporarily to power BCARS repeater equipment. John/KB3DFZ is going to look at using the computer connection of our UPS to send notifications of power outages.

KB3DFZ Also reports that the aluminum 2M dipole antenna was taking a lot of abuse from the wind, much more than our fiberglass whips. KB3DFZ made a motion that BCARS purchase an upper horizontal support and have it installed by Shane Imler. Cost is unknown. WB3JEK seconded and amended this motion to have BCARS purchase supports for all three antennas on Kinton. Motion Carried.

WB3JEK reports that the BCARS van did require a battery recharge, but otherwise started right up.

KB3DFZ reported on the Spring Set that took place April 1st. KB3DFZ, KE3ZT, and KC3NAF participated in sending email messages over Winlink using HF frequencies. Emails were sent between operators and to American Red Cross stations across Pennsylvania.

VE Session and Workshop will be April 15th. The VE Session starts at 9:30, and the workshop starts at 11AM. This will be held at the Bedford American Legion Post 113.

KC3DNB reports that History of BCARS books are still available for purchase. Contact Steve for more information.

Activities - KE3ZT reports the Lost Turkey Trail Run is still waiting on a permit before finalizing details. No updates from the Bloody Run Canoe Classic since 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

BCARS Anniversary Picnic in August was discussed. Members proposed a number of locations and food options. Zack, KC3KHK will look into reserving a location and gather more input on food options.

BCARS Holiday Dinner in December was discussed. KB3DFZ will check with reservation prices at a few locations and report back.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **2031** hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hogenmiller

John Hogenmiller, KB3DFZ
BCARS Secretary