



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, 2 March 2023

A meeting of the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society was called to order at **1940** hours **Bedford County Courthouse room 303** by **President Zachary Pepple** and a quorum was declared.

In attendance were (16): John/KB3DFZ, Steve/KC3DNB, Zach/KC3KHK, Kip/N2XRE, Jay/K3SCM, Ed/KC3NAF, Bill/N3EYF, Gary/KC3HKZ, Steve/KE3ZT, Bernie/W3DRW, Steve/KA3UDR, Tony/KC3QOD, Louise, Judy/KC3VBS, Aden/KC3VLQ, Kenny/WB3JEK.

President Zachary Pepple requested that John/KB3DFZ read **February** minutes. Motion to approve was made by **Bill/N3EYF** and seconded by **Gary/KC3HKZ**. 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 February: Wayne KC3BTG, Rousseau KC4RCR, James KC3FPA, Bernie W3DRW, Jay WA3UXP.

OLD BUSINESS

KB3DFZ and Lloyd K3QNT sent an and thank you to The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies. This covered the endowment grant, detailing how the funds were used to improve the BCARS repeater network.

Martin Hill Power Outage - KB3DFZ reported that during a power outage in Chaneyville, the BCARS Repeater on Martin Hill remained on the air thanks to the county emergency backup generator. Unfortunately, the network link between Martin Hill and Kinton Knob provided by Crowsnest did go down after several hours. For Martin Hill, the network link is on extended battery backup and not generator. Members are encouraged to check both Kinton Knob and Martin Hill repeaters if a power outage is suspected.

Field Day was discussed - KA3UDR reports that we still are confirmed for the Schellsburg location and he is planning to bring the tower trailer. Field Day is June 24th and 25th, members should reserve these days on their calendar and start thinking of how they would like to participate.

Workshop and VE session is April 15th at the Bedford American Legion.

NEW BUSINESS

Jay K3SCM brought up purchasing an antenna analyzer for the club that can be used for analyzing HF antennas at field day and also work for our UHF repeaters. Pricing for analyzers run from \$300 for HF only analyzer up to around \$600 for analyzers capable of UHF. After some discussion, Steve KE3ZT recalled that the club has a VHF/UHF analyzer in the van. The club also talked about NanoVNAs, which are an inexpensive device that can work from 0.1 Mhz through 1 Ghz. These are more difficult to learn, but can be purchased for around \$50. It was decided to hold off on purchasing an analyzer, but the club would like to learn more about NanoVNAs at the next workshop.

The club reviewed upcoming activities, mainly the Lost Turkey Trail Run and the WPA Spring Set exercise. The date of the Spring Set was not known at the meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **2032** hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hogenmiller

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BCARS Secretary