



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 February 2023

A meeting of the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society was called to order at **1930** hours **Bedford County Courthouse room 303** by **President Zachary Pepple** and a quorum was declared.

In attendance were (13): John/KB3DFZ, Gary/KC3HKZ, Bernie/W3DRW, Tony/KC3QOD, Jay/K3SCM, Ed/KC3NAF, Steve/KA3UDR, Steve/KE3ZT, Kip/N2XRE, Bill/N3EYF, Zack/KC3KHK, Judy/KC3VBS, and Aden/KC3VLQ.

President Zachary Pepple requested that John/KB3DFZ read **January** minutes. Motion to approve was made by **K3SCM** and seconded by **KE3ZT**. Motion carried.

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

Petty Cash	-
Checking Account	\$3,698.97
Savings Account	\$3,821.77
Total	\$7,520.74

A motion to approve was made by **KA3UDR**, seconded by **KC3HKZ**. Motion carried. The full treasurer's report is on file.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Zack, KC3KHK thanked the following members for renewing their membership in January: Ed/KC3NAF, Steve/KA3UDR, Tony/KC3QOD, Steve/KE3ZT, and Elsie/KC3BTD.

OLD BUSINESS

Winter Field Day/EOC Antennas - KB3DFZ and N2XRE activated the EOC Radio Room for Winter Field Day. Prior to the event, they replaced the legacy antennas on the roof with brand new Comet CX-333

tri-band antennas capable of 2 meters (145), 1.25 Meters (220) , and 70cm (440). For WFD, Kip and John exercised the Kenwood TS-2000 making both phone and PSK31 digital contacts.

Antenna Mounts on the courthouse roof. N2XRE suggested that we can extend our antennas an additional 10 feet in height with a mast and coax jumpers. This would help us clear some of the nearby roofing and extend our range. If BCARS does so, we would need to verify that the antennas or mast are not exceedingly visible from the ground.

Grant Deadlines - questions were raised about grant money spending deadlines. KB3DFZ explains that we need to submit a final report to Bedford County Endowments this month on the repeater spending, but no further spending is required.

NEW BUSINESS

Call Roster - 911 Dispatch asked Zack/KC3KHK for an updated call roster in case they need to contact BCARS. It was decided that we provide a list of BCARS officers' contact information and keep an additional copy on the radio room door.

Email List - KB3DFZ updated that club that he will be dropping the BCARS Traffic Discourse forum and consolidating all email to the groups.io. This is available at <https://bcars.groups.io> for sign ups. This not only carries our email traffic, but a group calendar, file sharing, and an editable "wiki" to share information.

Yearly Activities Checklist - KB3DFZ shared an activities checklist on the BCARS groups.io site, which was updated based on feedback from the meeting. This checklist was then saved and shared out to the group.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **2020** hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hogenmiller

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BCARS Secretary