



MINUTES OF BCARS CLUB MEETING 5 MARCH 2015

A meeting of the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society came to order at 1932 hours within the EOC -Room 303 at the Bedford County Courthouse Building.

- In attendance: – Jay -WA3UXP, Bill Basinger, Debbie Melzer, Mark – KC3CMF, Steve Stiffler – KC3DNB, Glen Mason - KB3VZC, Mac - KC3BTA, Steve – KE3ZT, Lloyd – K3QNT, Robert – KC3CMI, Steve - KA3UDR

Meeting was called to order by **Vice-President, Robert Young – KC3CMI**. KA3UDR observed there may not be a quorum. The group agreed to proceed.

Minutes prepared by KC3BTB were read and approved for February 2015 -Meeting. K3QNT acted as secretary as Dylan – KC3BTB was not able to attend.

Treasurer's Report presented by KC3DNB.

Ending balances:

Savings Account:	1,068.81
Checking Account:	163.62
Petty Cash:	-0-
Total:	<u>\$1,232.43</u>

Motion to approve: KC3BTA Seconded: KC3CMF

Treasurer's report approved. All in favor

OLD BUSINESS

Martin Hill Repeater Report

KA3UDR reported that application for coordination for 19/79 was denied by the Western PA Repeater Council because of close spacing to K3PSP, Washington County. Steve called the owner of the repeater and discussed any possible interference issues. He reported there were none from either side. It may be possible to work out a deal the upcoming repeater council meeting held in Bedford on 19 April.

KC3CMF reported no other issues with the 19/79 repeater. He feels no additional work should be performed until final coordination is in hand.

KC3CMF reported that he contacted the Bedford accounting firm, Ritchie, Ritchie & Koontz to ascertain costs to enable the club to become a 501(c)3 non profit corporation. The firm estimated a \$200 preparation fee, a \$400 filing fee to the state and a small annual short form fee of \$50 to complete the process. Reviewing our bank statements, Treasurer Steve discovered that our Tax Identification Number is # 200-28-3282. K3QNT moved we proceed, seconded by KA3UDR. All in favor

K3QNT and his committee consisting of WA3UXP, KA3UDR & KB3DFZ proposed that a commercial/donor sponsorship plan that involved four levels of giving from \$2,500 to \$50.00 be used to raise capital funds for our saving account.

KB3VZC moved and WA3UXP seconded. All in favor. The proposal package is attached to the minutes.

K3QNT proposed and moved his plan for a Life Membership Application. The membership is a one-time payment of \$400.00, which is payable in quarterly installments over two years. The motion was seconded by KC3CMF. Passed all in favor.

KC3DNB reported that the check written for the annual club insurance premium was not received. He contacted the insurance company and paid the premium with his credit card. He also explained that the inventory list is incomplete. K3QNT and KC3DNB will correct the list, complete with estimated replacement costs. K3QNT moved to reimburse KC3DNB for the premium payment. Seconded by KB3VZC. Passed all in favor.

New Business:

KA3UDR reported that the Western PA Repeater Council will meet at the Bedford County Courthouse in the large first floor conference room on Sunday 19 April 2015. The meeting begins at noon. Steve requested volunteers to help with the meeting logistics.

K3QNT announced that a new High Frequency (HF) Alpha Delta Trap Dipole is now operational on top of the county courthouse. The antenna is connected to the TS-200 at K3NQT. The dipole behaves satisfactorily on 75, 40 and 15 meters. KC3CMF thanked Lloyd for his donation of the antenna and his efforts to have it erected at county expense.

KA3UDR will host the next "Ham in a Day" on 24 and 25 April at the Bedford County Christian Church on Route 30 West. Steve requested members help the effort by assisting with the study sessions and general organization. The club authorized the purchase of five (5) new Boefeng HT radios for the event. Two additional radios are being donated by KC3DNA and KB3VZC.

KC3CMF proposed that this year's Field Day exercise will be held on the weekend of 27 & 28 June, 2015 at the Bedford County Technical Center. Mark reminded members that the educational facility is smoke and alcohol-free. The group thanked Mark and Patti for making these arrangements. Motion to approve made by K3QNT- Seconded by KB3VZC. Passed all in favor

KC3VZC offered to “seed” our new capital account with \$150.00 as soon as the 501(c)3 application is approved. The group thanked Glen for his generosity.

K3QNT - **At the request of Jay, K3SCM, Lloyd presented an** offer by Maxine Barton of Crystal Spring to make call-sign badges that may be worn on clothing. Two “demos” were distributed. Cost of each is \$5.00. Because one of the demos had his call sign, KA3UDR purchased one. If club members have any interest, contact K3SCM.

The meeting was adjourned at 2035 hours. Motion made by KC3CMF – Seconded by WA3UXP – Passed all in favor.

The group expressed appreciation to KC3CMI for a stellar job of chairmanship at the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lloyd -

Lloyd Bankson Roach – K3QNT
Acting BCARS -Secretary

The Treasurer's report, Financial Support Proposal and Life Membership Application is attached to these minutes.

As per the by-laws, a copy of these minutes will be placed in the club's 2015