

MINUTES OF BCARS CLUB MEETING
2 APRIL 2015

A meeting of the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society came to order at 1931 hours within the EOC Room 303 at the Bedford County Courthouse Building.

- In attendance: Dylan - KC3BTB, John - KB3DFZ, Wayne - KC3BTG, Steve Wurm - KE3ZT, Steve Elliott - KA3UDR, Glen - KB3VZC, Steve Stiffler - KC3DNB, Jeff - KA3PNL, and non-members Deborah Melzer and Bill Basinger

The officers present voted to make John Hogenmiller President pro tempore for the duration of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by **President pro tempore, John Hogenmiller - KB3DFZ**. A quorum was not present. The group agreed to proceed in an unofficial capacity.

KC3BTB read the minutes of 5 March 2015. KA3PNL moved they be approved and KB3VZC seconded. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report presented by KC3DNB.

Ending balances:

Savings Account:	1,068.81
Checking Account:	203.62
Petty Cash:	-0-
Total:	<u>\$1,272.43</u>

KC3DNB had to write a personal check to cover a \$37 bank fee for the club over a bounced check. **KB3VZC moved that the club reimburse KC3DNB. KC3BTB seconded and all were in favor.**

Motion to approve treasurer's report: KA3UDR Seconded: KB3VZC
Treasurer's report approved. All in favor

OLD BUSINESS

Repeater council meeting

KA3UDR reminded the membership of the upcoming Wester PA Repeater Council Meeting. He requested anyone available to help do so. For those who can't be physically present, volunteers will be needed to give directions over the 145.490 repeater.

Ham-in-a-day

KA3UDR requested all available VEs attend the Ham-in-a-day testing. Help is still requested from non-VEs as well.

Field Day

KA3UDR raised questions about the location for Field Day. A location has yet to be decided. **KB3DFZ moved to make KA3UDR Field Day commander. KC3BTB seconded the motion and all were in favor.**

New Business

Constitutional Amendment

KB3DFZ outlined the problems discovered with the Constitution and By-Laws and invited KC3BTB to read and explain the proposed amendment. The proposed amendment is appended to these minutes.

KB3VZC moved that the Secretary provide every member at the next meeting with a hard copy of the proposed amendment. KC3BTB seconded, and all were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned by President pro tempore Hogenmiller at 2027 hours. KA3UDR moved to adjourn and KA3PNL seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dylan C. LaComb - KC3BTB
BCARS - Secretary

Bedford County Amateur Radio Society

Several members of the society have discovered errors, inconsistencies, and anachronies in the language of the Constitution and By-Laws that have resulted in the society's operation outside the confines of the Constitution and By-Laws for an unknown amount of time. In order to restore constitutional compliance to the society, this article is proposed for ratification as an amendment to the Constitution on the approval of two-thirds of the total membership, pursuant to Article VII of the Constitution.

ARTICLE I

Sec. 1---That the order of Sections 1 and 2 of Article II be reversed, so that Article II, Section 1 becomes Section 2 and Article II, Section II becomes Section 1.

Sec. 2---That, taking into account Article II's new order, the part of Article II, Section 1 which reads: "provided there be a quorum at the annual meeting on the last Friday of November" shall be amended so that the same shall read: "provided there be a quorum at the regular meeting in December."

Sec. 3---That the second instance of Amendment IV which reads: "mail written notices to each member of every meeting of the society" shall be amended so that the same shall read: "send via acceptable methods notices to each member of every meeting of the society".

Sec. 4---That the part of Article III, Section 4 which reads: "Amateur Radio Emergency Corps" shall be amended so that the same shall read: "Amateur Radio Emergency Service and any successor organization".

Sec. 5---That the entire text of Article V, Section 1 be amended so that the same shall read: "The Bedford County Amateur Radio Society may levy upon the general membership such dues or assessments, as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization within its object as set forth in the preamble thereof, upon such terms as the Society shall, by its By-Laws, provide. Non-payment of dues or assessments shall be cause for expulsion from the society within the discretion of the membership."

Sec. 6---That the part of Article VII, Section 1 which reads: "or the By-Laws" be removed.

Sec. 7---That Article VII of the Constitution be amended by the addition of Section Two (2) providing for amendment of the By-Laws, so that the same shall read: "The By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the total membership. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and may not be voted on until the next regular meeting."

Sec. 8---That Article VII of the Constitution be amended by the addition of Section Three (3) providing for notification of proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, so that the same shall read: "The Secretary shall via acceptable methods inform the total membership of any pending amendments, so that such notice will arrive no later than twenty-four hours before the time therein set for the meeting."

Sec. 9---That the second instance of Amendment IX which reads: "Such notices shall be sent that in the ordinary postal delivery they shall arrive at least twenty-four hours before the time therein set for the meeting" shall be amended so that the same shall read: "Such notices shall be sent via acceptable methods so they shall arrive at least twenty-four hours before the time therein set for the meeting".

Sec. 10---That the part of Amendment X which reads: "An annual assessment of(\$10.00) ten-dollars" shall be amended so that the same shall read: "An annual assessment of (\$20.00) twenty dollars".

Sec. 11---That Amendment II be repealed.

Sec. 12---That, Amendment II having been repealed, the By-Laws be amended by the addition of Section Seven (7) providing for honorary, associate, and active membership so that the same shall read: "Honorary, Associate & Active Membership: From time to time, the society may grant individuals an Honorary Membership. The Honorary Members shall be non-paying members entitled to all the rights and privileges of regular Society Members save voting or holding office and shall not be counted in the determination of a quorum at meetings or in the number of Society Members. In the absence of a station license, a candidate may apply to be an Associate Member, such membership to be good for a period of one year and renewable upon payment of annual dues. Associate Members shall have all the privileges of the society save holding office. Active Members shall be license-holding members of the society having filed an

approved standard application form and, having paid the current assessment of the society, shall be entitled to all the privileges of the society without exception.”