



MINUTES OF BCARS CLUB MEETING 7 May 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: John -KB3DFZ, Mark- KC3CMF, Jay – K3SCM, Steve – KE3ZT, Brian – N3ZQY, Tom – W3SF, Bill – KC3EXQ, Glen – KB3VZC, Steve – KA3UDR, Bill – KB3HUA, Steve – KC3DNB, Jay -WA3UXP, Bernie – W3DRW, John Sullivan, (Guest of BTA) Mac -KC3BTA, Joe – AB3LP, Robert – KC3CMI, Kenny – WB3JEK, Jeff -KA3PNL & Lloyd- K3QNT

Meeting was called to order by **President, Kenny Burnett -WB3JEK**. Kenny declared a quorum and requested that K3QNT read the April minutes. One correction was mentioned that the \$37 dollar bank fee was for a check cancellation instead of insufficient funds as stated in the April minutes. With no further comment, motion to approve was by KB3DFZ and seconded by KB3HUA – Approved all in favor

Treasurer's Report presented by KC3DNB.

Ending balances:

Savings Account:	1,068.81
Checking Account:	221.02
Petty Cash:	20.00
Total:	<u>\$1,309.88</u>

Motion to approve: KB3VZC Seconded: KC3BTA
The full Treasurer's report is attached to these minutes

Treasurer's report approved. All in favor

OLD BUSINESS

HAM IN A DAY

KA3UDR reported that the *Ham In a Day* held in April was a success with five new licensed amateurs and one license upgrade with KB3DFZ earning his Amateur Extra. The club also welcomed Bill – KC3EXQ and Robin – KC3EXR. There was some discussion about the club not deducting enough expenses for the testing but we will know next time.

WB3JEK reported that the club's hosting of the Western Pennsylvania Repeater Council meeting at courthouse was a success. The council donated \$50.00 to BCARS.

Kenny also thanked the 12 BCARS volunteers that participated in the ***Canoe Classic and Rails to Trails Triathlon*** this past weekend. Both organizations were grateful for the assistance of BCARS members.

At the suggestion of K3QNT, everyone present introduced themselves to the new members and guests. Guests included W3SF, N3ZQY and John Sullivan.

New Business:

KB3DFZ reviewed the Constitution and BY-LAWS changes that were suggested by the committee. Much discussion ensued along with some suggestions from W3SF from the Altoona Club. AB3LP suggested a change to the “geography” of those who may join and K3QNT recommended that Associate Members should not be voting members until they secured a license. After much additional discussion, President Burtnett urged all members to make their suggestions to the committee via the website. WB3JEK then closed discussion on the matter.

KA3UDR announced the Float for Charity Event that will be held at Ritchies Bridge in mid May 2015. He explained that because of the terrain, the ARES group will be using Simplex on 146.580 mHZ. Everyone was encouraged bring high-power mobile rigs with 5/8th wave antennas. Steve also mentioned that he has committed a number of ARES-RACES members to be on stand-by during the upcoming municipal election. The department of Emergency Services has requested back up communications with portable generators be provided by Bedford County ARES-RACES.

W3SF made a short presentation about the Horseshoe Curve Radio Club's efforts planned for the 2015 Field Day.

KE3ZT informed the group that the Chestnut Ridge Lions Club offering excess PVC pipes and other materials at bargain prices.

K3QNT, Assistant Section Manager for Western PA ARRL Section, made an "Elmer Award" presentation to Steve Elliott – KA3UDR for his long and exceptional work in training and recruiting new hams. A framed certificate was given to Steve.

The meeting was adjourned at 2047 hours. Motion made by KB3VZC – Seconded by KA3PNL – Passed all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lloyd -

Lloyd Bankson Roach – K3QNT
Acting BCARS -Secretary

The Treasurer's report is attached to these minutes.

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