



## MINUTES OF BCARS CLUB MEETING 4 June 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: KC3CMI- Robert, KC3DNB – Steve, KC3EXT- George, KC3EXU -Josiah, KA3UDR – Steve, KC3BTA – Mac, K3SCM – Jay, KE3ZT- Steve, W3DRW – Bernie, WA3UFN – Bryan, KC3CMF – Mark, W3BC – Joe, K3QNT – Lloyd, KB3DFZ – John and WA3UXP - Jay

Meeting was called to order by **Vice-President, Robert Young - KC3CMI**. Robert declared a quorum and requested that K3QNT read the May minutes. Motion to approve was by KB3DFZ and seconded by K3SCM – Approved all in favor

**Treasurer's Report** presented by KC3DNB.

KC3DNB discussed various checks received for new membership dues and deposits made.

Ending balances:

Savings Account:	1,068.81
Checking Account:	395.02
Petty Cash:	00
Total:	<u>\$1,463.88</u>

Motion to approve: KC3CMF -Seconded: KC3BTA  
The full Treasurer's report is attached to these minutes

Treasurer's report approved. All in favor

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Float for Charity Event**

KC3CMI reported that President Burtneft thanked everyone who participated on our very successful April event.

WB3JEK has also congratulated our new BCARS members: Tom W3SF and Brian N3ZQY, both from Altoona.

### **BCARS Picnic**

Discussion of where to have the club's 2015 picnic. I was decided to choose Merrit's Pond on Route 220 South in Bedford County. The membership recommends Saturday 22 August 2015 or Saturday 15 August 2015 as an alternate.

KB3DFZ moved that 22 August be the date and Merritt's Pond be the place. Seconded by K3SCM – All in favor. (Note that these dates are contingent on availability)

## **Revision of Club Constitution**

KB3DFZ distributed the edited draft of the new constitution around the meeting. John explained that several changes suggested at the last meeting had been made. KB3DFZ pending any last minute changes stated, the final draft will be sent to the entire membership for a vote for adoption. Ten members present agreed to adopt the final draft pending the vote on the others. KC3CMF moved that John- KB3DFZ be reimbursed for printing and mailed expenses for the distribution. The motion was seconded by KA3UDR – All in favor. Voting Members present at the time of the vote, were: KC3CMI, KC3DNB, KA3UDR, KC3BTA, K3SMC, KE3ZT, W3DRW, K3QNT, KB3DFZ & WA3UXP. Present but not able to vote because of absence during the actual vote or membership status, were: KC3CMF, KC3EXT, KC3EXU. Non voting guests attending were: WA3UFN & W3BC. Results of the remain 20 members will be reported at the next regular meeting.

## **New Business:**

K3QNT passed around a new “ARES-RACES Resource List to determine the amount of gear each member can deploy during an event or incident and what ICS- training they may have to date. This document will be included in our revised and updated Emergency Operations Plan. (EOP)

Lloyd also commented that for three meetings he has had to act in the place of our elected secretary. K3QNT has attempted to reach the secretary by radio, telephone and Internet email on many occasions with no response. He asked the members present if he is to act as secretary going forward.

After discussion, KB3DFZ moved to appoint K3QNT as “Acting Secretary” until such time the secretary could be reached for a determination. Lloyd agreed to act in this capacity until December 2015. The motion was seconded by KC3CMF.

## Presentation to the Meeting

**Joe Shupienis – W3BC**, Affiliated Club Coordinator for the Western Pennsylvania Section of the ARRL made a presentation explaining his function with regard to BCARS. Joe explained that BCARS is one of three clubs in the section that is designated as a “Special Service Club.” This identification recognizes the long reputation of BCARS exceptional public service record, which includes special event assistance, emergency communications response, new operator licensing and effective public relations. W3BC congratulated BCARS on our achievements. Joe reminded us that our designation must be renewed every two years. K3QNT agreed to perform this function. Joe also explained that radio clubs are vital for the growth of local amateur radio. Joe announced to Treasurer, KC3DNB that special bonus of two dollars may be earned by BCARS for renewing ARRL membership of present members and a bonus of fifteen dollars for any new ARRL member from BCARS.

Joe continued with several details about the benefits of ARRL membership. The members present thanked W3BC for sharing the information with the members.

KA3UDR reminded everyone that there will be a VE Testing Session at the BCARS Field Day on 27 June 2015. Steve stressed this is not a Ham in the Day but just a testing session for new licenses and upgrades.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2044 hours. Motion made by KB3DFGZ – Seconded by KC3BTA – 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.