



MINUTES OF BCARS CLUB MEETING 2 July 2015

A meeting of the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society came to order at 1937 hours within the EOC -Room 303 at the Bedford County Courthouse Building.

- In attendance: Robert -KC3CMI, Steve- KC3DNB, Bill -KC3EXQ, Steve – KE3ZT, Jay – K3SCM, Jeff – KA3PNL, Bernie – W3DRW, Glen – KB3VZC, Mac – KC3BTA, Kenny – WB3JEK, Lloyd – K3QNT & Mark -KC3CMF.

Meeting was called to order by **President, Kenny Burnett -WB3JEK**. **Kenny** declared a quorum and requested that K3QNT read the June minutes. Motion to approve was by WB3JEK and seconded by KA3PNL – Approved all in favor

Treasurer's Report presented by KC3DNB.

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

Ending balances:

Savings Account:	1,068.81
Checking Account:	488.02
Petty Cash:	00
Total:	<u>\$1,556.88</u>

Motion to approve: KC3CMF -Seconded: KA3PNL
The full Treasurer's report is attached to these minutes

Treasurer's report approved. All in favor

Motion was made to reimburse KC3CMF for \$28.50 for the ARRL VE Test expenses for VE Tests during Field Day this past month.

Motion: WB3JEK Seconded: K3SCM Passed all in favor

OLD BUSINESS

Constitution & By-Laws

KB3DFZ reported that in addition to the 11 votes made at the last meeting and the 20 received by mail ballots, the 21 necessary votes in favor for adoption of the new BCARS Constitution and By-Laws was declared official by President Burnett. The new documents have been placed in the club's permanent file at the courthouse station, K3NQT. KB3DFZ has kept an electronic file backup. Copies of the minutes reflecting these decision were also filed with the new by-laws documents.

KC3CMF reported a in-person conversation with Dylan Lacomb, KC3BTB regarding his status as Secretary. Mark said Dylan no longer wished to hold the office or be active in the club. K3QNT will continue as Acting Secretary until December of 2015 or elected by popular vote of the membership, whichever comes first. The matter will be addressed at the August meeting.

BCARS Picnic

WB3JEK reported that the date of the Fall BCARS picnic has been set for 22 August 2015 beginning at 1:00 PM. The picnic will be held at Merrit's Pond on Route 220 South in Bedford County. It was suggested at the meeting that each member bring along a covered dish. Drinks are BYOB.

License Upgrades

KC3CMF announced that during the VE session held at the 2015 Field Day, three license upgrades from Technician Class to General Class were successfully awarded to: George- KC3EXT, Josiah – KC3EXU and Robin – KC3EXR. All present expressed their enthusiastic congratulations!

Non Profit Status of BCARS

Several members suggested that plans go forward to establish BCARS as a non-profit 501 (c) 3 corporation to enable the club to collect donations and provide tax relief for donors.

KB3DFZ and KC3CMF will secure the services of Bedford based Ritchie, Ritchie & Koontz, CPAs to file the necessary paperwork with the proper agencies to establish the corporation. KC3CMF stated that \$400.00 was needed to file and an additional \$200.00 for the accounting work. A small annual fee would be required for annual renewals. The following members offered to assist the financing of this effort as follows:

KC3VZC offered \$150.00 upon approval by the IRS
K3QNT offered \$150.00 as seed money unconditionally
KC3CM & KC3DNA offered seed money unconditionally
KB3DFZ & KC3EXR offered seed money unconditionally

Total Amount of Pledges: **\$600.00** - All checks will be made out to the BCARS Treasure's Account

New Business:

Martin Hill Repeater Improvement Project

It was decided that a repeater improvement committee will be formed to increase the antenna height of the 146.790 repeater on Martin's Hill. It was also suggested that during the same project the APRS service be restored at that location. WB3JEK stated that the project will be completed well in advance of approaching winter weather.

K3QNT initiated discussion on how relations between the Department of Emergency Services and BCARS -ARES-RACES may be improved to our benefit.

QNT suggested that an informal luncheon be arranged between the EMA, WB3JEK, KC3BTA, KA3UDR and K3QNT. Lloyd will arrange for this contact.

To enhance our effort, it was suggested that as many members as possible, take and pass the minimum ICS courses, which are available on-line. These are: ICS -100 -200 -700 & 800. These courses acquaint the student with policies and procedures of the Incident Command structure and the National Incident Management System.(NIMS) K3QNT, who is a Professionally Certified PEMA Emergency Management Coordinator and holds over 70 certificates in this discipline, offered to assist members with this effort.

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.

News of KA3UDR

KC3CMF reported that our EC, Steve – KA3UDR was admitted to a hospital in Altoona for a serious stomach condition. Pending a favorable outcome, Steve should be released in a day or two.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned on 2 July 2015 at 2030 hours. Motion made by KB3DFZ – Seconded by KC3CMI – 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.