



## MINUTES OF BCARS CLUB MEETING Thursday, 6 August 2015

A meeting of the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society came to order at 1933 hours within the EOC -Room 303 at the Bedford County Courthouse Building.

- In attendance: Kenny – WB3JEK, Lloyd – K3QNT, Steve – KE3ZT, Mac – KC3BTA, Mark – KC3CMF, Josiah – KC3EXU, George – KC3EXT, Ron Wolfe, (Guest) Jay – K3SCM, John – KB3DFZ, Robert – KC3CMI, Steve – KC3DNB, Glen – KB3VZC, Joe – AB3LP, Steve – KA3UDR, Bill – KC3EXQ & Jay – WA3UXP.

Meeting was called to order by **President, Kenny Burnett -WB3JEK**. **Kenny** declared a quorum and requested that K3QNT read the July minutes. Motion to approve was made by KB3DFZ and seconded by KB3VZC – 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: | 624.52                   |
| Petty Cash:       | 150.00                   |
| <b>Total:</b>     | <b><u>\$1,843.43</u></b> |

Motion to approve: WB3JEK - Seconded: KB3DFZ  
The full Treasurer's report is attached to these minutes

Treasurer's report approved. All in favor

Motion was made to purchase at Tiny Trac IV APRS unit for the Martin Hill antenna site, not to exceed **\$100.00**.

Motion was made to provide funds for the purchase of picnic food, including, dogs, hamburger and buns not to exceed **\$300.00**

Motion: KC3CMF Seconded: K3QNT - Passed all in favor

By previous vote, the Treasurer is authorized to pay the \$200.00 fee to Ritchie, Ritchie & Koontz for 501 (c) (3) application.

**OLD BUSINESS**

## **BCARS Picnic**

The Fall BCARS picnic has confirmed for 22 August 2015 beginning at 1:00 PM. The picnic will be held at Merrit's Pond just off Route 220 South on some road, left or right where a log cabin used to be. There will be a Talk-In station on the day of the picnic. It was suggested at the meeting that each member bring along a covered dish. Drinks are BYOB. Patti -KC3DNA has requested a head count prior to the picnic to facilitate the proper quantity of food. The facility has a Pavilion with picnic tables. Members may provide their own custom seating if desired.

## **License Upgrades**

KC3CMF announced that he is now the new VE Coordinator. The next VE session held at the Bedford County Christian Church on Saturday, 8 August 2015. There will e no Ham in a Day, just VE testing

## **Non Profit Status of BCARS**

Plans are underway to establish BCARS as a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation to enable the club to solicit & collect donations and provide tax relief for donors. KC3CMF arranged for Ritchie, Ritchie & Koontz to prepare the necessary paperwork and application. The club has received new **EIN # 47-4482609** The Treasurer, KC3DNB and KC3CMF will visit the First National Bank to upgrade and correct the account information.

We now await IRS confirmation for our new non-profit corporation. This will be reported at the September meeting. Upon confirmation, KC3VZC will release his donation of \$150.00 toward the expense of the change.

New Business:

### **Martin Hill Repeater Improvement Project**

A committee will be formed to increase the height of the 146.790 repeater and install the necessary equipment to restore the APRS station. In addition to the aforementioned, equipment, club members plan to donate the necessary two meter transmitter and antenna. After an extensive discussion on commercial vs: home brew, the club authorized the purchase of a Byonics Tiny Track IV for this facility.

In the July meeting, 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. Steve – KE3ZT announced he has completed all four courses. His accomplishment will be added to the ARES-RACES roster. If you wish to take these ICS courses yourself, they are available on-line.

<http://www.training.fema.gov/is/nims.aspx>

Mountains et al

**WA3UXP** clarified the proper nomenclature for the area mountains and antenna sites:

Mount Dallas = Everett Site

Brumbaugh Mountain = Brumbaugh

Kinton Knob

Martin's Hill

KC3EXU has volunteered to work on the Mount Dallas site.

### Bedford “Night Against Crime” Event

K3SCM and KC3BTA both attended the “Night Against Crime event in downtown Bedford, where members of various emergency management and first responder organizations had booths and/or displays. K3SCM and KC3BTA expressed dismay of opportunity missed. Being the first-rate EMComm outfit we are, “We blew it,.” they exclaimed! BCARS could have taken advantage of the opportunity to promote our mission and demonstrate our physical and leadership capabilities with a portable VHF / HF station and possibly an APRS display.

Not knowing about the nature of the event, K3QNT stated he could have easily manned a booth had he known. Riddled with guilt, K3QNT agreed to organize such an effort for July 2016.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned on

6 August 2015 at 2024 hours. Motion made by KC3CMI –  
Seconded by KC3CMF – 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.