



MINUTES OF BCARS CLUB MEETING

Thursday, 3 September 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: Steve – KC3DNB, Lloyd – K3QNT, Jay – K3SCM, Steve – KE3ZT, John – KB3DFZ, Mark – KC3CMF, Jeff – KA3PNL, Ron – KC3FJN, Steve- KA3UDR, Glen – KB3VZC, Joe – AB3LP, Robert – KC3CMI, Kenny -WB3JEK

Meeting was called to order by **President, Kenny Burnett -WB3JEK**. **Kenny** declared a quorum and requested that K3QNT read the August minutes. Motion to approve was made by KB3DFZ and seconded by KC3CMF – 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:	288.52
Petty Cash:	-0-
Total:	<u>\$1,357.43</u>

Motion to approve: K3QNT - Seconded: KA3PNL

Approved all in favor.

The full Treasurer's Report is attached to these minutes

OLD BUSINESS

New 501 (c) (3) Status

KC3CMF is completing details with Ritchie, Ritchie and Koontz, CPAs. Full IRS approval for BCARS is anticipated prior to the October 2015 meeting.

KC3CMF questioned the speed of mail delivery for BCARS correspondence through the county mail system to the EMA office. It was recommended that the Secretary use his home address for the club mail. Secretary K3QNT said he would prepare change of address cards to effectuate the change.

APRS & Repeater Improvement at Martin Hill

KB3DFZ reports that he acquired the budgeted Bionics Tiny Trak -IV for use at Martin's Hill - Intermediate tests have been occurring at the K3NQT location at the courthouse with mixed results. Tests will continue.

WB3JEK reported that a site visit will be conducted shortly on Martin Hill to determine what is needed to improve two meter coverage and APRS installation.

K3QNT presented an idea that would encourage Bedford County EMA to invest in our improved ARES-RACES efforts. QNT offered to prepare a full presentation to the EMA and the Board of Commissioners to ask for funds necessary to cover the full expense of a professionally installed two meter Station Master Antenna and hardline at Martin Hill. Included in the proposal will be a specification for a similar antenna system for the APRS. Technical Committee; WB3JEK, KC3CMF and KB3DFZ will assemble the specifications and provide them to K3QNT.

New Business:

HAM in A Day Session

KA3UDR announced that there are a number of “truckers” with CB radios, who wish to study for and take the FCC exam for the Technician Class license. The proposed date is Saturday – 19 September 2015 at the Bedford County Christian Church on Route 30. UDR requested that several VE examiners attend the session to assist with the training and testing.

FALL FOLIAGE PLANS

KA3UDR reported that he and K3QNT attended a meeting of the Fall Foliage Committee this past week. While there, he secured permission to change our operating location from the Riverside to the lawn in front of the county parking lot on Penn Street. This new highly visible location will greatly enhance our exposure. The club tower trailer will be erected earlier in the week on the second deck of the garage. KB3DFZ successfully sold the remaining green “Emergency Communications” jackets.

K3QNT, District Two DEC, added that the Fall Foliage radio activities would be combined Simulated Emergency Exercise (SET) on the first weekend of Fall Foliage. A ICS -201, ICS-205 and ICS-213 are being prepared. Blair and Cambria Counties will participate in the SET as well.

The members agreed that due to the level of activity already planned for Fall Foliage, a Special Event station is not planned for this year. However, both K3QNT and KC3CMF will explore notable events and milestones that occur in Bedford County, which would make for a good special event. Examples include the anniversary of the Lincoln Highway, Historic Fort Bedford and the Transatlantic Telegraph Message between President James Buchanan and Queen Victoria of England.

Progress is good with the **ICS Initiative** among BCARS members. The following amateurs have earned one or more their basic certifications:

K3SCM
KA3UDR
K3QNT
KC3BTA
KC3CMF
KB3VZC
KE3ZT
WB3JEK
KC3CMI

Our goal is to achieve at least 75% of the members to be qualified with ICS-100, 200, 700 & 800.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned on 3 September 2015 at 2023 hours. Motion made by KA3UDR – Seconded by K3SCM – 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.