



MINUTES OF BCARS CLUB MEETING

Thursday, 5 November 2015

A meeting of the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society came to order at 1930 hours within the “Board Room” on the first floor of the Bedford County Courthouse Building.

- In attendance: Steve – KC3DNB, Robert – KC3CMI, Ron – KC3FJN, John – KB3DFZ, Jay – WA3UXP, Elsie – KC3BTD, Steve – KA3UDR, Steve – KE3ZT, Guest – Annika Meloy, Jim – KC3FPA, Glen – KB3VZC, Joe – AB3LP & Lloyd – K3QNT.

Meeting was called to order by **President, Kenny Burnett - WB3JEK**. Kenny declared a quorum and requested that K3QNT read the October minutes. Motion to approve was made by KB3VZC and seconded by KA3UDR – Approved all in favor

Treasurer's Report presented by KC3DNB.

Steve discussed various checks received, checks issued and a cash deposit of \$174.00 in proceeds as a result of the KA3EBS/K3SCM Mini-Hamfest equipment donation.

Ending balances:

Savings Account:	1,068.96
Checking Account:	453.42
Petty Cash:	-0-
Total:	<u>\$1,522.38</u>

Motion to approve: KB3DFZ - Seconded: KB3VZC

Approved all in favor.

The full Treasurer's Report is attached to these minutes

OLD BUSINESS

K3QNT reported that KC3CMF is recovering from his hospital stays. He said that Mark contacted Richie, Richie and Koontz and learned that unless the club generates income of more than \$50,000 in 2015, we will only need to file the "short form" for our tax return in February of 2016.

(Old Bad Van) WB3JEK reported a meeting with EMA, Dave Cubbisson about the abandoned communications van that has been exposed to the weather for some years at the Bedford County Regional Airport. Kenny explained that it was BCARS intention to strip the usable radio equipment and generators from the van and sell the remainder for scrap, with the proceeds going to BCARS. Cubbisson will need to secure permission from the County Commissioners to approve the plan.

(New Good Van) K3QNT reported that BCARS has secured the converted Radio Ambulance from the Huntingdon EMA. Dave Cubbisson recommended to Huntingdon that BCARS could make use of the vehicle.

Through the generosity of KC3CMF, the van will be towed from Huntingdon County Courthouse to the Mark Leibfreid QTH for examination and repair. Issues such as title transfer and insurance will be handled separately. K3QNT explained after the title is transferred from Huntingdon to Bedford County EMA, BCARS plans to receive the vehicle title from Bedford County and have it assigned to our 501(c)(3) corporation as a gift-in-kind donation.

KB3VZC inquired about the completion of the club's application for a 501 (c)(3) status. K3QNT replied that the process was complete and we now have a Pennsylvania Employer Identification Number (EIN) to that effect. Glen then remitted \$150.00 to the treasurer as his donation for the application. He will receive a receipt from KC3DNB. Thank you Glen!

KA3UDR noted that the Bedford Fall Foliage Committee was grateful and very impressed by our service on fall foliage weekend. Steve anticipates there may be a small donation from the committee forthcoming.

Steve also reported that the proposed buyer still wants the club's aluminum tower after some installation consultation from KA3UDR and WB3JEK. UDR mentioned that the annual dues for the WPA Repeater Council was due. KC3DNB reminded the group a motion was already passed to pay the annual dues, which is scheduled for next month.

New Business:

Steve- KA3UDR proposed a “Ham Cram” session on Saturday, 14 November 2015 with a subsequent VE testing session on 21 November. New study guides are needed for the General Class Exam, only.

Both events will take place at the Bedford County Christian Church on Route 30, next to where the car dealer used to be.

John – KB3DFZ proposed a “Skills Night” event to be held at the Bedford County Christian Church. While, open to the public, the training and new technology session will be promoted to all BCARS members and other nearby Ham radio clubs. Unlike a formal classroom setting, the format would resemble a trade-show with a table or booth for each discipline. Patrons can go from one to the other and see what's new. KB3DFZ and K3QNT have already volunteered to present topics.

With no further business, President Burtnett declared the meeting adjourned. Moved by KC3BTD, Seconded by KB3DFZ and approved by all.

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.