



MINUTES OF BCARS CLUB MEETING

Thursday, 3 December 2015

A meeting of the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society came to order at 1931 hours within Room 303 “EOC” on the third floor of the Bedford County Courthouse Building.

- In attendance: Joe – AB3LP, Lloyd – K3QNT, Jay – K3SCM, Bill, KC3EXQ, Steve – KE3ZT, Mark – KC3CMF, Fred – KC3GBN, Kenny -WB3JEK, Robert – KC3CMI, Steve – KC3DNB, Glen – KB3VZC, Annika Meloy, Steve – KA3UDR, Keith – KC3AFO, Ron – KC3FJN, Elsie – KC3BTD, Jeff – KA3PNL, John – KB3DFZ & Bill - KB3HUA

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 K3SCM and seconded by KC3CMF – Approved all in favor

Treasurer's Report presented by KC3DNB.

Steve discussed various checks received and checks issued. \$90.00 in cash was received as a result of the VE testing and \$150.00 in a donation from KB3VZC.

Ending balances:

Savings Account:	1,068.96
Checking Account:	654.42
Petty Cash:	-0-
Total:	<u>\$1,723.38</u>

Motion to approve: KB3DFZ - Seconded: K3SCM

Approved all in favor.

The full Treasurer's Report is attached to these minutes

OLD BUSINESS

(New Good Van) WB3JEK reported that Fisher's Auto parts made a donation of two (2) Group 27 top-terminal batteries for our new comm. A thank-you letter has been sent to the owner of the store. A complete inventory was taken by K3QNT and WB3JEK and sent to David Cubbison, EMA. There was a detailed discussion of the HF, VHF and UHF gear that came with the van. Kenny reported that various projects are underway to restore the van to state inspection standards, including the replacement of the two rear windows.

Kenny also reported a successful “Ham Cram” day in November, which resulted in two upgrades and three new Technician Licensees:

KC3FPA – Upgraded to General Class

KC3EXT - Upgraded to Amateur Extra Class

KC3GBN – Fred Miller - New Technician Licensee

KC3GBO - Christopher Deck – New Technician Licensee

KC3GBP - Stuart Kahl – New Technician Licensee

New Business:

Mark – KC3CMF reviewed the proposals from Arthur Burtnett Insurance for the van. Mark, who has had over 30 years experience in the insurance industry, recommended a Comprehensive Package, sans the collision coverage, which would include adequate liability and other coverage. The estimates premium would be approximately \$500.00 per annum. K3QNT offered to seek a local grant to cover the cost of the insurance. The membership approved a budget of not to exceed \$200.00 for glass replacement. KC3CMF will pursue that objective.

K3QNT announced that the van's title is still held by Bedford County. He moved for authorization to conclude the transfer to the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society. Motion was seconded by KB3HUA – Passed all in favor.

Upon the transfer, KC3CMF offered to handle the administration of title and tags.

ELECTIONS

In accordance with our Constitution and BY-LAWS, nominations were invited to appoint the “One-Year” Trustee, “Activities Director” and a permanent Secretary position vacated by KC3BTB.

The Nominees were:

Activities Director – Steve Wurm – KE3ZT
Secretary – Lloyd Roach – K3QNT
One-Year Trustee – Jay Cessna – WA3UXP

All nominees were approved by the membership. KC3CMF moved they be accepted. The motion was seconded by K3SCM. All in Favor - Huzzah!

Volunteers Request

Elsie -KC3BTD asked for volunteers to man the Salvation Army Christmas Pots at the Everett IGA during the Christmas Season. You may contact Elsie directly if you wish to participate.

SKILLS NIGHT

John – KB3DFZ announced that “**Skills Night**” will be held on Thursday, 21 January 2016 at the Bedford County Christian Church. Presentations already committed are from KB3DFZ and K3QNT.

KA3UDR – Mentioned that the Salvation Army operates a communications service called, Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network. (**SATERN**)

K3SCM – observed that the 146.850 repeater (PL 146.2) State College, didn't seem to be up to snuff. He asked the membership to make an independent test.

KC3CMF admired KB3DFZ's new yellow ARES-RACES tactical jacket. Mark said they are attractive and warm. He recommended it to the membership. According to DFZ, the jackets may be purchased from www.workingperson.com. Silk screen BCARS logo is available locally.

KB3HUA – suggested we issue “Framed” Gratitude certificate to any of our cash or gift-in-kind donors such as Fisher's Auto Parts. KB3DFZ said he can prepare such a certificate.

K3SCM – suggested the club send a sympathy card to Jay Cessna – WA3UXP on the recent death of his mother. Secretary Roach said he would take care of this detail.

KB3DFZ moved that BCARS open a “Pay Pal Account” to encourage prompt payment of dues and any future donations. The motion was seconded by KB3VZC. All in favor. Treasurer Stiffler offered to arrange the details.

KC3FJN inquired of what use will the new communications van be made. Several members mentioned the following:

Tactical Deployment by our served agency, Bedford County EMA

PR Value of the BCARS efforts at public service events.

A towing vehicle for the BCARS tower trailer. (The van has a Class III hitch.)

A physical demonstration of Emergency Communications by BCARS when the van is deployed in public spaces.

A totally cool thing for the club to have at its disposal

AB3LP asked that, now the club is a Non-Profit Corporation and legally permitted to take donations, would a solicitation letter from the club be appropriate to raise money. K3QNT discouraged such a plan as ineffective and would prefer using the fund raising plan that was proposed to the club in early 2015. QNT offered to make a full presentation on the subject at the January meeting.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2033 hours. Motion made by AB3LP and Seconded by K3SCM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lloyd -

Lloyd Bankson Roach – K3QNT
BCARS -Secretary

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