



## **MINUTES OF BCARS CLUB MEETING**

### **Thursday, 7 July 2016**

The meeting of the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society came to order at 1930 hours in the EOC - Room 303 at the Bedford County Department of Emergency Services.

In attendance: Mark – KC3CMF, Jay - K3SCM, Lloyd -K3QNT, June – KB3LSH, Harry – KC3BTH, Keith- KC3AFO, Steve – KC3DNB, Steve – KA3UDR, Ron – KC3FJN, Bernie – W3DRW, Gary (Newly Licensed), Jay – WA3UXP, Glen – KB3VZC, Kenny -WB3JEK, John – KB3DFZ & Robert – KC3CMI.

Meeting was called to order by **President Kenny Burnett -WB3JEK**. Kenny declared a quorum and requested that K3QNT read the June (KB3DFZ-prepared) Minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was made by WA3UXP and seconded by KA3UDR – Approved all in favor.

**Treasurer's Report** presented by KC3DNB.

Ending balances:

Petty Cash:	.00
Checking Account:	704.86
Savings Account	1,769.09
Total:	<u>\$2,473.95</u>

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by: KA3UDR;  
seconded: WA3UXP; approved all in favor.

The full Treasurer's report is attached to these minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Old Bad Van (OBV)**

*Mark – KC3CMF* reported much success with the OBV.

1. After van was transferred from Bedford County to BCARS, the club received an estimated \$1,000 worth of public service radios, two 800-lb. generator sets and the van itself.

2. The van was removed from its muddy grave at the Bedford County Airport and transported to the Bedford County VO-TECH Center for inspection and equipment removal. The club instructed Secretary K3QNT to send a thank you note to LaSalle Towing for their generous donation of a very difficult tow and transport. The letter will be sent to Dion LaSalle.

3. KC3CMF estimates that BCARS may receive up to \$5,000 of cash benefit as a result of the donation from the county. Many thanks to KC3CMF, K3QNT, WB3JEK and KA3UDR for getting this project done. KC3CMF added that suitable graphics should be affixed to the outside of the van. A graphics sub-committee has been formed to perform the task. Sub-committee members K3QNT and WA3UXP will examine the issue and recommend a non-salacious solution.

### **Field Day Report**

**K3QNT** filed a formal report with the Field Day Department of the ARRL. Our “**3F**” station operated under the auspices of the Department of Emergency Services and generous hospitality and courtesy of the KC3CMF and KC3DNA Leibfreid team. The food and sumptuous accommodations were very much appreciated by the club members. Most noted benefit of the 2016 Field Day was the abundance of excellent food and beer provided by the aforementioned Leibfreids. According to reports from the event, the CW station was able to make contacts at times even without the benefit of a transmitter. The most exciting DX contact was the 40-meter and 15-meter QSO with K3SCM/3 running .005 watts from the other side of the garage! KC3CMF hosted an overnight visit from Joe - W3BC, an ARRL Official.

In addition to the operating activities, this was the first time that BCARS used its newly refurbished communications van, known locally as the ***New Good Van*** or NGV.

BCARS was also able to conduct an official VEC testing and, as a result, upgraded one operator and licensed another to the General Class Level. Congratulations to

BCARS Member Gary Metivier of Schellsburg! Gary will receive his call sign shortly.

### **Queen Victoria Special Event Station**

President Burtnett - **WB3JEK** advised that our Special Event Station, **N3B** – commemorating the first transatlantic telegraphic message sent between two heads of state, President James Buchanan and Queen Victoria - will operate on the weekend of 16 August 2016. Member stations will operate from their own QTHs throughout the weekend. Morse operations will be conducted by crack operators W3DRW and K3QNT on 16 August directly from the Omni Bedford Springs Resort where the first messages were exchanged in August of 1858.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**WB3JEK** wants BCARS to produce a small QSL-sized card to use as a leave-behind promotional piece at club events and promotions. 'JEK provided a good sample with some suggested copy for the card. After considerable discussion, including suggestions of psychedelic colors, the graphics committee comprised of K3QNT and WA3UXP agreed to take on this additional project.

**KB3DFZ** announced a good public service opportunity for BCARS on Saturday, 30 July 2016. A 5K run benefitting the Hyndman Health Center needs communications for safety and coordination during the race. Because of the short distances involved, our tactical simplex frequency will be used - 146.580 MHz. Motion to approve the outing was made by KC3CMF and seconded by KB3VZC, approved all in favor. Details on the deployment of operators is forthcoming.

**KC3CMF** requested that club repeater technician Scott Zimmerman be advised to look at the poor performance issues at the Martin Hill Repeater, 146.790 MHz. Mark will reach out to Scott to determine when an inspection trip can be made to the Martin Hill site. Mark also suggested that the club dispose of (sell) its Yaesu repeater as soon as possible.

While on the repeater subject, **WA3UXP** inquired about the sporadic difficulty with the K3NQT-220 Repeater on Kinton's Knob. After some discussion, KA3UDR offered to follow up.

## **Skills Night**

KB3DFZ will host another exciting **SKILLS NIGHT** at the Bedford County Christian Church on Thursday, 21 July 2016

**KC3CMF** inquired about the 2016 BCARS Picnic. Last year's soiree was an exceptional event. Everyone had a super-duper time! The group briefly discussed possible locations and immediately agreed that the WB3JEK Lake-Side Resort, aka Merritt's Pond, would be ideal. President Burtnett offered to examine the availability of the resort during the month of August.

The Motion was made to adjourn at 2018 hours by KC3CMF, seconded by KC3CMI, approved all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Lloyd -**

Lloyd Bankson Roach – K3QNT  
BCARS -Secretary

**As per the by-laws, a copy of these minutes will be placed in the club's 2016 minute book.**