



MINUTES OF BCARS CLUB MEETING

Thursday, 4 August 2016

A meeting of the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society came to order at 1930 hours within Room 303 "EOC" on the third floor of the Bedford County Courthouse Building.

- In attendance: Paul Rummel, Steve – KA3UDR, Jay – K3SCM, Lloyd – K3QNT, June – KB3LSH, Harry – KC3BTH, Elsie – KC3BTD, Bernie – W3DRW, Steve- KE3ZT, Kenny – WB3JEK, Glen – KB3VZC, John – KB3DFZ, Mark – KC3CMF, Robert – KC3CMI, Jeff – KA3PNL, Clinton – KB3WXW, Steve – KC3DNB, Jim – KC3FPA & George – KC3EXT

Meeting was called to order by President Kenny Burtnett – WB3JEK. Kenny declared a quorum and requested that K3QNT read the July 2016 minutes. Minutes corrections were made by KC3CMF and K3SCM. Motion to approve was made by KA3UDR and seconded by KA3PNL – Approved all in favor.

Treasurer's Report presented by KC3DNB.

Steve discussed various checks received and checks issued, including Field Day reimbursements. K3QNT congratulated KC3CMF and WB3JEK for the remarkable job of squeezing over \$3,000.00 from the Old Bad Van sale and salvage. (OBV)

Ending balances:

Petty Cash	-0-
Checking Account:	2,934.57
Savings Account:	1,769.01

	-0-
Total:	<u>\$4,703.75</u>

Motion to approve: K3SMC - Seconded: K A3PNL
Approved all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

WB3JEK reported that the New Good Van (NGV) is now magnificent decorated with the club's logo and large letters announcing our mission. The work was done by Hunt's Promotion of Bedford. President Burtnett was pleased with the result.

Kenny also commented that the 146.790 coverage was markedly improved by replacing the existing Super Station Master with a temporary Ringo Ranger. Both he and Scott has suspected the de-sense problem to be with the antenna. The repeater is still not up to spec and work will continue to improve the system and ultimately link our two meter repeaters together. Any future work on the Martin Hill tower needs to be performed by the Bedford County Emergency Services Contractor, Com-Pro of Altoona.

K3QNT – read a thank you letter from Samantha Walls and Megan Ryan of the Hyndman Area Health Center congratulating BCARS for their assistance at the recent 5K run on 30 July 2016. President Burtnett commented that the “Beer Stop” deception was disappointing but otherwise a great day for BCARS.

NEW BUSINESS

K3SCM – proposed that we make a “sample test” available for visitors during our public events to demonstrate the degree of ease or difficulty in becoming a ham. After some discussion, the matter was tabled.

KC3CMF – announced that the new Amateur Extra Exam question pool is now in effect. This change necessitates the re-writing and re-binding of our study manuals. After an extensive discussion, including whether or not to Duck or not to Duck, it was agreed that Mark will research the best method and cost to make these changes.

WB3JEK – reminded everyone of the upcoming Annual BCARS Picnic at Lake-JEK aka Merritt's Pond. After considerable discussion, it was determined that food would be provided for 30 people. KB3VZC graciously offered to use his privileges at the Navy Exchange to purchase the hamburger, buns, hots and condiments. KB3DFZ will be the official griller and all members will provide a “Covered Dish.” K3QNT agreed to bring two additional cases of Water and/or Soda Pop. The Pavilion all day with lunch scheduled at 2:00 PM.

KC3CMF – reported that the HVAC in the New Good Van (NGV) doesn't perform, Necessary repair parts will be billed to the club. Mark also announced he and K3QNT prepared and presented a \$5,500.00 grant proposal to the Moose Lodge #480.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2037 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lloyd -

Lloyd Bankson Roach – K3QNT
BCARS -Secretary

The Treasurer's report is attached to these minutes.