



MINUTES OF BCARS CLUB MEETING

Thursday, 6 October 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 were: KA3UDR, K3SCM, K3QNT, KC3BTD, KC3AFO, KC3FJN, KE3ZT, WB3JEK, KB3VZC, KC3HKZ, KB3DFZ, KC3CMF, KC3CMI, W3DRW, KC3GBN, KC3DNB, KC3FPA, KC3HQV & Guests Timothy Estep and Robert Redman.

Meeting was called to order by President Kenny Burnett – WB3JEK. Kenny declared a quorum and requested that K3QNT read the September 2016 minutes.

Motion to approve was made by K3SCM and seconded by KB3DFZ – Approved all in favor.

Treasurer's Report presented by KC3DNB.

Steve discussed various checks received and checks issued, including (NGV) Van Repair & reimbursements. Steve reported that a \$250.00 donation was received from Moose Lodge #480 Bedford.

WB3JEK thanked everyone who assisted KC3AFO in his recent antenna erection. Keith reported that the antenna performs better than anticipated.

KC3CMF reported that an additional \$2,000.00 in cash was received from the sale of the remaining generator from the OBV Van.

KB3DFZ added that additional \$437.44 generated from the sale of surplus equipment from the OBC. Several members of the club noted that due to the efforts of Mark Leibfreid and John Hogenmiller that the monetary advantage of acquiring the OBV wasn't all that bad!

Ending balances:

Petty Cash	00.00
Checking Account:	2,448.47
Savings Account:	1,769.18

Total: **\$4,217.65**

Motion to approve: KA3UDR - Seconded: KB3DFZ
Approved all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

KC3CMF reported that there are two business band antennas remaining with the NGV Van. After careful examination, Mark and Kenny declared the pneumatic mast that was mounted on the OBV Van, officially dead. The unit will be sold for scrap.

Mark reminded the club that the Western PA Repeater Council (WPRC) denied our application for a two meter frequency of 146.7900 at Martin Hill. Mark said that an exhaustive search of available two meter frequencies failed to produce an alternative. After much discussion, it was decided to retire the two meter repeater at Martin Hill and search for a 440 frequency for that site. President Burtnett said this task will be completed this fall.

KB3DFZ announced that that several pieces of surplus gear from the OBV were sold for a total of \$437.44 as reported in the Treasurer's section.

NEW BUSINESS

KC3CMF presented reimbursement invoices for repair work on the NGV Van in the amount of \$190.85 and \$36.62. Motion was made by KB3DFZ to pay the bill. Seconded by K3SCM. All in Favor

Mark also commented that the HVAC, front and back in the NGV van is now operational. Many thanks to WB3JEK, Art Burtnett and KC3CMF for this work.

KC3CMF presented an attractive license certificates prepared by KE3ZT to: KC3HKZ, KC3HQV and KC3HQP (absent)

Mark began a discussion about proper net circuit discipline on the two meter repeater, especially during public events. K3QNT added that many people listen on scanners because signals are "In the clear." It was asserted that our professionalism is on display over the air.

FALL FOLIAGE

There was discussion that operators at the bus stops were needed, especially between 2:30 pm and 5:00 pm when the fair is ending.

RACES Appointment

In order to update and complete the Emergency Operations Plan, and comply with Part 97 of the FCC rules, Director of Emergency Services, David Cubbison appointed Lloyd B. Roach – K3QNT as RACES Officer of Bedford County. This appointment has no direct connection to BCARS. This position is only activated when a state of emergency has been declared. Kenny -WB3JEK asked K3QNT to subsequently write a simplified description of the differences between ARES & RACES. Lloyd replied he would do so in an upcoming edition of S*H*O*R*T*S.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2017 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lloyd -

Lloyd Bankson Roach – K3QNT
BCARS -Secretary