



MINUTES OF BCARS CLUB MEETING 2 March 2017

**President: Kenneth L. Burtnett – WB3JEK
Vice-President, Gary L. Metivier – KC3HKZ
Treasurer: Steven G. Stiffler – KC3DNB
Secretary: Lloyd Bankson Roach - K3QNT**

A meeting of the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society came to order at 1929 hours in Room #303 at the Bedford County Courthouse Annex.

- In attendance: K3SCM, K3QNT, KA3PNL, KA3UDR, KB3DFZ, KC3AFO, KC3CMF, KC3FPA, KC3HKZ, KC3IFL & WA3UXP

Meeting was called to order by **Vice-President Gary Metivier - KC3HKZ** and a quorum was declared.

Minutes Approved for February 2017: Moved by K3SCM and Seconded by: KB3DFZ- All in favor.

Treasurer's Report presented by KC3DNB Moved by:

(At the insistence of KC3CMF, who has recently become intimate with Henry Martyn Robert of “Robert’s Rules of Order,” the treasurer’s report will now no longer be a voted approval.)

Summary

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Petty Cash:	60.00
Checking Account:	\$6,000.43
Savings Account:	\$1,769.25

Total: \$7,829.72

KC3DNB presented the Insurance Invoices for the Liability Insurance for the NGV and the casualty insurance for the BCARS-owned equipment, including the repeater site, EOC and the radio equipment contents of the NGV. **KC3DNB** also reported that the updated inventory was sent to the insurance company. These changes increased our liability from \$14,000 to \$16,000. This may cause a slight increase in premiums.

Motion was made by **KC3CMF** to authorize the Treasurer to remit these insurance bills in the future without further approval. **KA3UDR** seconded. All in Favor

OLD BUSINESS

KB3DFZ announced plans are going well for the first “**Nifty Noodles and Drones**” event to be held at the Bedford County Technical Center from 11 AM to 2 PM on 8 April 2017. John has requested volunteers to act as “Ambassadors” for BCARS.

KC3CMF reported that our recent “Ham in a Day” produced Two new Technician Licensees and one new Extra Class. Most of the candidates were from out of the Bedford County Area. The event was nicely promoted in the Gazette Newspaper and the Cessna Radio Stations. Many thanks to WA3UXP and KC3AFO for the assistance.

NEW BUSINESS

KB3DFZ reviewed the updated membership list. John suggested that if there are changes necessary to a member’s listing they are to contact DFZ directly by email or other means. John added that the list was populated with some Silent Keys and persons who have not paid dues or have been active in several years. He moved that all persons listed who have not paid their dues for two consecutive years, be deleted from the list. Motion was Seconded by KC3IFL. All in Favor

By message relay, **W3DRW** commented to the membership that the Annual Phone DX Contest was this weekend. Good opportunity to add some countries to your list.

KA3UDR reminded everyone that the “Rails to Trails” event will be held on Saturday, 13 May 2017. Steve recommended that because of marginal repeater coverage during this event, SIMPLEX will probably be use. He recommended that everyone load this into their memories. Transmitter power of 25 watts with a 5/8 wave vertical antenna is ideal under these circumstances. He added that this is always a good exercise to practice using that method. BCARS Tactical Simplex is **146.580 mHz**.

WA3UXP announced that there is an equipment and antenna upgrade planned for the communications tower on Kinton Knob. (Home of our 145, 224 and 444 repeaters.) U, X and ah P recommends that any BCARS improvements should be completed prior to the work on the commercial and municipal systems.

Further discussion about the repeaters ensued among KA3PNL, KC3CMF, K3DSM, KC3HKZ, KB3DFZ & KA3UDR. Jeff is working with technician who will advise us if any improvements or replacements are necessary. KA3PNL and KC3CMF will report on future progress on repeater system repair.

K3QNT announced that BCARS had been approached by John Hess of the Omni Bedford Springs to participate in their anniversary of the U.S. NAVY Radioman “A” School that was conducted at the Springs from 1943 to 1944. The resorts plans to sponsor the event on Saturday, 29 April 2017 from 10 AM to 5:00 PM. On display will be historical photographs of the Navy Radio School as well as several presentations by World War II re-en actors from Penn State Altoona and an address by war historian Dennis Tice. BCARS proposes to host a table at the event with code-practice gear and radio equipment from the era. K3QNT has volunteered to speak about operation of radiotelegraph and teletype circuits at sea. BCARS material will be displayed on the table. K3QNT will notify the Omni Bedford Springs of our willingness to participate.

With no further business, Vice-President Gary - KC3HKZ adjourned the meeting at 2008 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Lloyd Bankson Roach – K3QNT