



BEDFORD COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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Meetings take place at 7:30PM on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Bedford County Courthouse, 200 Juliana St, Bedford, PA.

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, 2 MAY 2019

A meeting of the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society came to order at **1930** hours within the in Room #111 of the Bedford County Courthouse Annex by **President Kenny Burtnett** and a quorum was declared.

In attendance were: K3QNT, KA3UDR, KBD3DFZ, KC3DNB, KC3FPA, KC3HKZ, KC3IFL, KC3KFW, KC3NAF, KC9YEU, KE3ZT, W3DRW, W3MAB, WB3JEK, KC3NFD.

President Kenny Burtnett requested that KB3DFZ read the April minutes. Motion to approve was made by **W3DRW** and seconded by **KA3UDR**. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report presented by KC3DNB. Steve discussed various checks received, checks issued and cash deposits. The ending balances are:

Savings Account	\$6,819.80
Checking Account	\$2539.06
Petty Cash	\$0.00
Total	\$9,358.86

A motion to approve was made by **KC3IFL**, seconded by **KC3HKZ**. Motion carried. The full treasurer's report is attached to these minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

Field Day - K3QNT reported on field day. The Snake Spring Park site was not available, so we moved on to Plan B. Lloyd reserved the East Beach Pavillion at Shawnee Park. This is right off of 30, follow signs for East Beach, near the main bridge. Lloyd also spoke with the head Park Ranger and acquired written permission to use the pavillion overnight. She is very familiar with BCARS and field day events as other parks (Blue Knob) host field days as well. Lloyd has paid for pavillion rental. **MOTION: KA3UDR** motioned that we accept East Beach pavilion for field day and reimburse Lloyd/K3QNT for the site rental. This was seconded by KC3HKZ. Motion carried.

PO BOX - KC3DNB reported on the BCARS PO Box project. Per request at last month's meeting, he has ordered a PO Box from the Everett post office. The address has been changed with First National Bank, AIC Insurance (van insurance), , Penn Dot (vehicle registration), and Mercer Insurance (equipment). KA3UDR has volunteered to change the address for the K3NQT FCC license. The PO Box requires a street address in Everett, PA, so it is currently tied to Steve/KC3DNB's address. KC3DNB and KB3DFZ have been given keys. KC3DNB will sign up for informed delivery to get notified of when the club receives mail. Our new mailing address is: **BCARS, PO Box 26, Everett, PA 15537.**

Bloody Run Canoe Classic - WB3JEK thanked everyone that came out and supported this event. We received several thank yous from event organizers.

NEW BUSINESS

New Member Incentives - In the past, we have given newly licensed hams an honorary membership and would sell them a pre-programmed Baofeng radio at cost. After some discussion, K3QNT motioned that when a recently licensed operator becomes a paying member, the club will provide them with a pre-programmed Baofeng UV-5R (or equivalent) radio at no cost. This will help defray the start-up costs of becoming a ham, and help the new operator get on the air quicker. Motion seconded by KC3NAF and motion carried. Steve/KA3UDR will work on purchasing a new batch of radios for distribution.

Study Guides - WB3JEK inquired about the status of our study guides. The club has purchased 4 x KB6NU No-Nonsense Technician Study guides at \$10 each (instructor rate). We still have valid General and Extra study guides, however the General question pool will change this year on July 1st, 2019. WB3JEK suggested that we look into acquiring some new General study guides. The Extra question pool is good until July of 2020. KC3HKZ suggested that when we loan out a study guide, that we get a deposit equivalent to the cost of the book. In the past, study guides have been lent out and never returned, depleting our pool.

Digital Net - KC3KFW reported on the digital net. We have had great success passing messages back and forth, however a number of members are having issues getting the initial fldigi setup working. KC3KFW and KE3ZT have volunteered to help members get their setup working in person. Additionally, you are able to bring your laptop and rig to the next workshop, we can also lock settings in there.

Community Foundation for the Alleghenies Grant - K3QNT reports that BCARS has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$3,300 for our FM Repeater Upgrade project. This grant does require tracking and a final report showing that the money went to this project, due by January 27th, 2020. President Burtnett signed the acceptance letter which will allow the funds to be released to BCARS.

BCARS Repeaters KB3DFZ made a presentation providing a quick overview of repeaters, along with a photographic tour of the BCARS Kinton Knob site. Our existing repeaters and rough estimates of when they were either manufactured or put into service were presented. The presentation also covered the untimely demise of the 440 repeater and options to get it back on the air. Finally it concluded with plans for other BCARS repeaters including linking Martin Hill.

K3QNT motioned to buy the full 440 repeater setup recently acquired by KB3DFZ for \$1300 from Sunny Communications. This was seconded by KA3UDR and motion carried.

With no further business, **President Kenny Burtnett** declared the meeting adjourned at **2102** hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hogenmiller, KB3DFZ
BCARS Secretary