



# 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.

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## MEETING MINUTES

### Thursday, 1 AUGUST 2019

A meeting of the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society came to order at **1930** hours within the in Room #303 of the Bedford County Courthouse Annex by **President Kenny Burtnett** and a quorum was declared.

In attendance were: K3QNT, KA3UDR, KB3DFZ, KC3DNB, KC3FPA, KC3HKZ, KC3IFL, KC3KFW, KC3NAF, KC3NFD, W3DRW, W3MAB, WB3JEK, and our newest international member, **KC3NNV (Kenneth)**.

**President Kenny Burtnett** requested that KB3DFZ read the May minutes. Motion to approve was made by **KC3IFL** and seconded by **W3MAB**. Motion carried.

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

Petty Cash	\$0.00
Checking Account	\$1,067.56
Savings Account	\$10,119.80
Total	\$11,187.55

A motion to approve was made by **W3DRW**, seconded by **K3QNT**. Motion carried. The full treasurer's report is attached to these minutes.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Repeaters - KB3DFZ** reported on the repeater project status. On 29 July 2019, the 145.49 and 444.2Mhz antennas were replaced. However, Tescoshipped the wrong antenna, so no changes were made to the 224.48Mhz antenna. Additionally, all of our feedline is saturated with water. We will replace all three runs of feedline with ½" feedline once the 224.48Mhz antenna arrives. Additionally, we move the 224.48Mhz antenna and place a 5.8Ghz microwave antenna on the tower in order to provide Internet access to the site. We are waiting on a quote and the correct antenna. At this time, the 145.490 and 224.48 repeaters are still online, with the 444.2Mhz repeater left off. Once all the antennas and feedline are replaced, we will proceed with replacing repeater equipment inside the building. KB3DFZ submitted an invoice from **Multicomm in the amount of \$1,113 and a receipt from Tescos for \$2,793.82.**

**Field Day - KB3DFZ** reported on field day, in which the club made 1,594 points, our best score since 2014. It was generally agreed that we would like to get the Shawnee Lake location again for future field days.

**KA3PNL** is out of the hospital and is walking with a cane while starting physical therapy.

**Picnic - K3QNT** reported on getting catering for the BCARS 60th Anniversary Picnic. A number of contacted caterers were unavailable, however we were able to secure the services of Horn O' Plenty at \$12/head. **KA3UDR motioned to use Horn O' Plenty and W3DRW seconded. Motion carried.** We will need a check to pay upon delivery.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Martin Hill - WB3JEK** reported that the 146.79 Martin Hill repeater is acting up again. When it gets hot, the repeater starts to feed back upon itself, keying up and staying online even when there is no activity. We need to look into a way to cool down the room that the repeater is in. KA3UDR has a blower unit he will donate that may help. If that does not work, we should look into air conditioning the radio room itself, at the expense of the larger building (no through-wall access for an AC to sit).

**Citation - K3QNT** presented a citation that BCARS received from the PA Senate in recognition of our 60th year of operation. K3QNT will get a frame to hang this citation in the EOC radio room.

**Bike Bedford PA** is the 10th. We need volunteers to muster at 7AM at Shawnee main parking and boat launch area. Our normally scheduled workshop will be moved to accommodate this event. KB3DFZ asked that members attempt to bring APRS if possible, whether 2 meter or cellular phone/internet based.

**Club Gear - KB3DFZ** noted that a fair amount of club-owned gear has been stored at individual members locations - garages, attics, basements, storage sheds over the years. Several members reported storing gear. It may be possible to come up with a centralized storage location, but for now we want members to make a list of any BCARS gear they have and send it to KB3DFZ ([john@hogenmiller.net](mailto:john@hogenmiller.net)) so that the club can decide what we want to keep or get rid of.

**Kenneth Lloyd**, our newest licensed ham and international member was present at today's meeting. He spoke about some of the unique aspects of amateur radio in Hong Kong. BCARS welcomes Kenneth and congratulates him on obtaining his General license with a perfect Element 3 exam score. His call sign is currently KC3NNV. When he is back in Hong Kong, he will present his license and use that to obtain an Hong Kong amateur license. However, he will not be able to use his US license to transmit from Hong Kong.

**School Radio Clubs** - KB3DFZ proposed that BCARS look into working with local schools and possibly sponsoring a club (getting a station setup at the school). Schools are often glad to have an organization come in and give educational presentations. We could target some of the more technical or vocational classes. Ultimately, if we can encourage students to start a radio club in their school, and the school to allow a station to be setup, BCARS can sponsor that station/club and provide affiliated membership between a sponsored club and BCARS. K3QNT knows the superintendent of the Bedford County School District is looking to renew his amateur license, and would be a good person to work with.

With no further business, **President Kenny Burnett** declared the meeting adjourned at **2045** hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hogenmiller, KB3DFZ  
BCARS Secretary