



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, 6 July 2023

A meeting of the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society was called to order at **1930** hours at **Bedford American Legion Post 113** by **President Zachary Pepple** and a quorum was declared.

In attendance were (12) John/KB3DFZ, KA3UDR/Steve, KC3HKZ/Gary, W3DRW/Bernie, KE3ZT/Steve, KC3VLQ/Aden, KC3VBS/Judy, KC3DNB/Steve, WB3JEK/Kenny, KC3KHK/Zach, KC3NAF/Ed, N2XRE/Kip

President Zachary Pepple requested that John/KB3DFZ read the **June** 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:

Petty Cash	\$0.00
Checking Account	\$4,181.97
Savings Account	\$3,822.24
Total	\$8,004.21

A motion to approve was made by **KE3ZT**, seconded by **N3EYF**. Motion carried. The full treasurer's report is on file.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Zack, KC3KHK thanked Mac/KC3BTA and Pat/KK3F for renewing their membership in June.

OLD BUSINESS

Zach, KC3KHK reported that the Bedford County Commissioners has once again supported BCARS with a **donation** of \$1,200. BCARS appreciates this support as the club operates entirely from volunteers and donations.

Zach reported that Merrit Pond Campground has been reserved for **August 12th** for the **Members Picnic**. Setup time is at 11AM, with a planned eating time between 12PM and 1PM. Members should reach out to Zach to RSVP, so that we can purchase enough chicken and drinks. Covered dishes are encouraged.

Zach updated the club on the **Lost Turkey Trail**. It will be from 6AM to 6PM on July 29th. The routes and aid stations were discussed, members present volunteered for positions, and more volunteers are welcome. John/KB3DFZ volunteered to reach out to W9PSU to ensure we can utilize the Blue Knob repeater of 147.150 on analog.

John/KB3DFZ reported on **field day scores**. BCARS operated as 5F. BCARS made 195 CW contacts, 221 Digital contacts, and 94 phone contacts. That's 510 total QSOs, for 1,852 contact points. There was also 770 bonus points, for a total claimed score of **2,662**. For comparison, in 2022, BCARS operated 4F, made 442 QSOs (175CW, 247PH) and a claimed score of 1,994.

Tech Workshop and VE Session is July 22nd. VE Session will start at 9:30 AM, and the workshop will start at 11AM. This will be at the American Legion Post 113, downstairs.

NEW BUSINESS

KB3DFZ discussed upcoming **hamfests and swapmeets** that had been previously emailed out on the BCARS.org mailing list.

DMR - KB3DFZ has setup an Allstar node of 533175 that is tied to the Brandmeister DMR Talkgroup 3192899, which is our local Bedford TAC group. This allows an operator on any DMR repeater to join our talkgroup and interact with our Analog allstar nodes. This is currently connected and linked, but in the future may only be linked "on demand". It will also be unlinked during the Lost Turkey Trail in order to "free up" the talkgroup for operations.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **2040** hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hogenmiller

John Hogenmiller, KB3DFZ
BCARS Secretary