



MINUTES OF BCARS CLUB MEETING 3 OCTOBER 2014

A meeting of the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society came to order at 1929 hours in the CAP Building at the Bedford County Airport, Cessna, PA.

- In attendance: – Kevin- KC3BTC, Jeff-KA3PNL, Bill-KB3HUA, Mark-KC3CMF, Steve-KA3UDR, Dylan-KC3CMI, Lloyd-K3QNT, Robert-KC3CMI, Steve-KC3DNB, John-KB3DFZ, Cindy-KC3BSZ, Joe-AB3LP & Kenny- WB3JEK

Meeting was called to order by **President, John Hogenmiller, KB3DFZ** and a quorum was declared.

Minutes Approved 4 September: Motion KB3HUA Seconded KC3BSZ and Special 13 September 2014 Minutes were approved: Motion KB3HUA -Seconded KA3UDR. Passed All in favor

Treasurer's Report presented by KA3UDR.

Savings Account:	798.72
Checking Account:	41.63
Petty Cash:	<u>170.00</u>
Total:	\$1,010.35

Motion to approve: KB3HUA -Seconded K3QNT- Passed all in favor

Treasurer, KA3UDR, after much discussion explained that with board approval, \$701.92 was authorized to purchase the Baofeng Radios and accessories for the Fall Foliage Festival. In addition to cash payments for the purchase of the HT radios by members and a reimbursement payment of \$700.00 received from the Fall Foliage Committee, the treasury will be reimbursed 100%. To enable this transaction to take place, KC3CMF made a bridge-loan to the club in the amount of \$301.92, which will be reimbursed. This motion was made by KB3DFZ -Seconded by KA3PNL, Passed all in favor.

The Treasurer's report at the November meeting will reflect all of these disbursements and deposits.

KA3UDR also made mention that KA3PNL donated all of the stainless steel bolts that were used to reconstruct the CAP tower. The Club thanked Jeff for his generosity.

A CAP Tower project report was made by KC3CMF and WB3JEK. They reported the tower is up and functional with all antennas tested and working.

A report was made on the repairs of the towers of KB3VZC and K3SCM. The beam was re-arranged and tightened at Glen's QTH and K3SMC had a loose bolt replaced on his telephone pole/beam array.

KA3UDR & K3QNT provided details on the updated membership list and paid-up members to date. It was noted that now, with 40 members, this may be the largest membership ever.

The board agreed that the Fall & Winter meetings will be held in the EOC at the third floor of the courthouse. K3QNT volunteered to notify Dave Cubbison, EMA of Bedford County.

K3QNT moved that a by-laws and constitution committee be formed to review and modernize the by-laws. The committee will be KB3DFZ, KA3PNL, K3QNT & KA3UDR. Motion was made by KC3BSZ -Seconded by KC3BTB. Passed all in favor

KA3UDR gave a report on the upcoming "SET" Simulated Emergency Test exercise coming up the following two weekends. Three counties are assisting in the effort. Steve made assignments for VHF and HF operators. Steve is in possession of a ICS-205 with all of the frequency assignments.

AB3LP reviewed assignments for the "Special Event Stations" for Fall Foliage

K3QNT reported that BCARS participation was reported on the Cessna radio stations and the Bedford Gazette Newspaper. Tear sheets will be provided to KA3UDR

WB3JEK reported that he received an estimate to repair the two BCARS owed Kenwood Tri-Band Hts. It will cost a minimum of \$100.00 per HT + shipping for both. JEK estimates the entire fee will be around \$250.00. The original motion specified a reimbursement for one of them by KB3YVL.

KA3PNL inquired about the status of the additional repeater site: KA3UDR explained he has spoken to Scott-N3XCC on a number of occasions requesting that the antenna be installed before the onset of foul weather.

KB3HUA suggested why not sell our Baofeng Hts (three remaining) for a premium of \$40.00 for non-members and \$30.00 for members.

KB3DFZ distributed the latest BCARS membership list. All members should contact K3QNT with any additions, deletions or corrections.

With no further business, the special meeting was adjourned By President Hogenmiller at 1935 hours. Motion to adjourn: KB3HUA -Seconded KC3BSZ, All in favor

The meeting was followed by a short presentation by K3QNT on a useful and inexpensive HB "J-POLE" for Ten Meters. Lloyd explained that the reason local contacts are unreliable on our weekly ten meter net is lack of uniformity in antennas. Ground wave on this band is best when it is vertically polarized. The "J-POLE" is cheap, easy to build and requires no radials. It is also an excellent DX antenna for Ten Meters, when the band opens. If you would like the construction sheet for this antenna, contact K3QNT at k3qnt@arrl.net.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lloyd -

Lloyd Bankson Roach – K3QNT

BCARS -Secretary

As per the by-laws, a copy of these minutes will be placed in the club's 2014