



MINUTES OF BCARS CLUB MEETING 3 November 2016

**President: Kenneth L. Burtnett – WB3JEK
Vice-President, Robert P. Young – KC3CMI
Treasurer: Steven V. Stiffler – KC3DNB
Secretary: Lloyd Bankson Roach - K3QNT**

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

- In attendance: WA3UXP, KA3UDR, K3SCM, K3QNT, KC3BTA, KC3FJN, KE3ZT, WB3JEK, KC3HKZ, KB3DFZ, KC3CMF, KC3CMI, KA3PNL, W3DRW, KC3FPA, & Guests: Scott Greenwalt & Bob Redman

Meeting was called to order by **President, Kenny Burtnett, WB3JEK** and a quorum was declared.

Minutes Approved for October 2016: Motion KB3DFZ, KB3HUA Seconded BY K3SCM - Passed All in favor

Treasurer's Report presented by K3QNT substituting for KC3DNB.

Petty Cash:	-0-
Checking Account:	\$4,695.06
Savings Account:	\$1,769.25
Total:	\$ 6,464.31

Motion to approve: KA3UDR -Seconded KC3CMI

OLD BUSINESS

President Kenny commented that the Fall Foliage BCARS operations went well. Once again BCARS was recognized by the Fall Foliage Committee for performing a worthy service.

WB3JEK and KC3CMF reported that the 146.7900 repeater on Martin Hill has been DE-commissioned and removed from service. The Ringo Ranger antenna has been returned to WB3JEK. Plans are now underway to search for a “clear” pair of 444 frequencies for a future repeater on that site.

The club members thanked CMF and JEK for all the work they performed on the previous repeater.

The NGV Van was displayed in both the Bedford and Everett Halloween Parades with much enthusiasm from the crowds.

SKILLS NIGHT

KB3DFZ reported that the most recent Skills Night, which was held at the Bedford County Christian Church featured a demonstration of a Raspberry Pi III remote operations kit. K3QNT gave a talk about HF antenna tuning, coaxial cable, open wire line, radiation resistance and base impedance efficiency.

A discussed ensued about a better time, date and location for future Skills Nights. John said he would welcome suggestions and report at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

KA3UDR and WB3JEK traveled West to secure the club repeaters from N3XCC. They arrived home with the Vertex/Standard commercial repeater and the older two meter repeater. This does not include the repeater which was installed at Martin Hill. There was some discussion how we may be able to market all three on EBAY and recover some of the cost for a new 440 repeater.

KA3UDR announced the BCARS participation in the "Election Day Generator Watch." The Bedford County Board of elections depend in BCARS operators to provide selected polling locations with emergency power in the event of an power failure. At the meeting UDR assigned five members to stand by with gen-sets and long extension cords.

K3QNT reported that Dave Cubbison of the Bedford County Emergency Services and Debra Brown from Voters Services are most grateful for the assistance.

Steve assigned K3QNT to monitor the repeater on election day in the event the volunteers need to be deployed.

KC3CMF recommended it's time to transfer the NGV to its winter home in the barn/hanger of W3DRW. Bernie has graciously accepted the new tenant. There was some sort of side-car discussion concerning a mule.

KA3UDR announced that next meeting will be time to select new or re-elected officers. WB3JEK suggested an eight person Blue Ribbon Committee. The members present decided to take matters into their own hands and nominate officers now. As a result, the following members were nominated:

President – WB3JEK & KB3DFZ
Vice-President – KC3CMI & KC3HKZ
Secretary – K3QNT (Office runs until 2017)
Activities Director – KE3ZT (Office runs until 2017)
Two-Year Trustee – WA3UXP
One-Year Trustee – KB3VZC

After these deliberations, WB3JEK closed the nominations. The Election for Officers will be held at the December Meeting.

K3QNT reported on the **N3B** Special Event Station's International publicity received by BCARS in the November Issue of QST and the November Issue of RAD-COM, published by the Radio Society of Great Britain. Color copies of both articles were furnished to Josh Lang, Chairman of the Bedford County Commissioners and Bill Liedholm, General Manager of the Omni Bedford Springs.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by
President Burtnett.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Lloyd Bankson Roach – K3QNT
BCARS -Secretary