



MINUTES OF BCARS CLUB MEETING 6 April 2017

**President: Kenneth L. Burtnett – WB3JEK
Vice-President, Gary L. Metivier – KC3HKZ
Treasurer: Steven G. Stiffler – KC3DNB
Secretary: Lloyd Bankson Roach - K3QNT**

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A meeting of the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society came to order at 1928 hours in Room #303 at the Bedford County Courthouse Annex.

- In attendance: KA3PNL, K3QNT, KA3UDR, KB3DFZ, KC3AFO, KC3BTA, KC3BTD & Anika, KC3DNB, KC3FJN, KC3FPA, KC3HKZ, KC3IFJ, KC3IFL, KE3ZT, W3DRW & WB3JEK.

The meeting was called to order by **President Kenny Burtnett - WB3JEK** and a quorum was declared.

Minutes Approved for March 2017: Moved by KE3ZT and Seconded by: KA3PNL- All in favor.

**Treasurer's Report
by KC3DNB**

Summary

April 2017

Petty Cash: -0-
Checking Account: \$5,600.43
Savings Account: \$1,769.25

Total: \$7,369.72

KC3DNB reported several transactions including the payment of dues and remittance to Ritchey, Ritchey & Koontz, CPA and Agency Insurance. Details of the clubs financial position is contained in the Treasurer's report.

KC3DNB mentioned that the updated equipment inventory increased the club's casualty insurance slightly from \$219 to \$257 per annum.

OLD BUSINESS

After considerable discussion about dates and availability of volunteers, President Kenny announced the following public service schedule:

Saturday 8 April 2017 - Nifty Noodles & Drones at the Bedford County Technical Center: KB3DFZ will present and will be assisted by K3QNT and others. John noted that cold-beverage donations are welcome. The event runs from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM. All are welcome.

Friday-Saturday 21 & 22 April – BCARS “Ham Cram” at the Bedford County Christian Church on Mile Level, not far from where the DeSoto, Hudson and Yugo dealerships used to be. – All VECs are encouraged to attend.

Saturday 29 April – Bloody Run Canoe Classic. BCARS will provide tactical communications. All volunteers please notify KA3UDR of your availability

Saturday 29 April – World War II Navy Radioman “A” School held at the Omni Bedford Springs Resort and Spa. K3QNT will present assisted by W3DRW.

6 May – Hyndman Area Health Center 5K Run. BCARS will provide tactical communications for the course. Note that we will be using **146.580 Simplex**. An HT **will** function sufficiently. Please notify KB3DFZ of your availability as a volunteer.

13 May - Rails to Trails Triathlon. BCARS will provide tactical communications for the event. Please note that BCARS plans to use **146.580 Simplex** as the primary channel. High power mobiles with 5/8 wave antennas are encouraged. An HT will **not** be sufficient at this event.

24 & 25 June – “Field Day” to be held at the QTH of KC3CMF & KC3DNA. Patti and Mark have graciously offered their spacious hacienda for the annual event. W3DRW and K3QNT are providing CW “Noise Reduction” gear during this year’s exercise.

NEW BUSINESS

WB3JEK announced that plans to examine and improve the repeater site at Kinton Knob is underway. West Virginia repeater consultant, **WB3CZI** is advising the club on the project. **KA3PNL**, **KC3CMF** **WA3UXP** & **WB3JEK** are on the repeater improvement committee.

WA3UX & a **P** has advised that work should be completed by the end of summer as commercial tower work on Kinton Knob is anticipated.

KA3UDR asked about creation of a “Life Membership” for BCARS. After some discussion, President Kenny felt this membership level was not necessary.

KA3UDR announced that there may be some future FEMA generated funds available for ARES-RACES. He will inform BCARS if such revenue opportunities emerge. Steve also announced that the new **SEC** or Section Emergency Communications Coordinator is Bud, **N3TIR**. Steve is enthusiastic about this appointment, as is our RACES officer.

K3QNT proposed that we create an “Appreciation Certificate” to be presented to David Cubbison, EMA of Bedford County. The certificate would be awarded formally to Cubby in the EOC, complete with photographs and Huzzahs. **KB3DFZ** has agreed to produce an attractive certificate suitable for framing.

WB3JEK – suggested that BCARS post a “Swap Shop” type page on the BCARS web site so members could post their WTB or gear for sale. **KB3DFZ** will examine this idea as well.

Kenny asked for a progress report on the success of the highly complex and sophisticated “**CoCoRaHS**” **Snow and Rain Measuring System** deployed during the recent snow storm. W3DRW, KA3UDR and KC3CMI sent measurements to the EOC, via K3QNT.

With no further business, President Kenny - WB3JEK adjourned the meeting at 2022 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Lloyd Bankson Roach – K3QNT
BCARS -Secretary