

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, 5 May 2022

A meeting of the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society was called to order at 1931 hours in **Bedford County Courthouse room 303** by **President Zachary Pepple** and a quorum was declared.

In attendance were (15): KB3DFZ, KC3HKZ, N2XRE, KB3UEK, KC3DNB, KC3KHK, W3DRW, KE3ZT, KC3QOD, KA3UDR, KC3HKZ, WB3JEK, KC3NAF, K3SCM, KK3F.

President Zachary Pepple requested that KB3DFZ read **April** minutes. Motion to approve was made by KA3UDR and seconded by W3DRW. 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	\$2,445.41
Savings Account	\$2,621.39
Total	\$5,066.80

A motion to approve was made by **KB3DFZ**, seconded by **KA3UDR**. Motion carried. The full treasurer's report is on file.

New and Renewing Members

President Zachary Pepple recognized and thanked renewing members KC3FPA & WB3JEK.

OLD BUSINESS

Repeater Update - KB3DFZ discussed the current state of the repeaters. All repeaters are operating normally with the exception of the 145.490. The SWR on the 145.490 is at 2.5:1 and members report it produced extra noise during inclement weather. John is going to speak with Dave Love regarding the 145.490 antenna, as well as get assistance with the replacement 145.490 machine BCARS plans to install. The 220 repeater has been replaced and is now connected to Allstar. The repeater team is working on migrating the repeater equipment at both sites into new server cabinets donated by Kip, N2XRE. The new, larger cabinets provide a more professional appearance, will be easier to work with and will ultimately reduce our footprint in both sites.

BCARS DINNER - The legion charges \$200 for the room plus food, tax and gratuity. After much discussion of the cost, KE3ZT motions that BCARS reserves the room. BCARS will need to determine the number of members attending and what the final cost will be per member, with final approval in a future meeting. KA3UDR seconds, motion carried.

Field Day - KA3UDR discussed having Shawnee Fire Department provide the meal. We are waiting on pricing. Several members are able to lend the club portable masts for the event, none need be purchased. KB3DFZ will not be in attendance for field day, but is planning to have train a "technical support" person to set up the wifi network and logging.

NEW BUSINESS

There is a **new EMA director** (Alex Delia). KB3DFZ and KC3HKZ volunteered to meet with him to maintain a shared interest in repeater and amateur radio operations for Bedford County.

Repeater team access. KB3DFZ motions to add Kip Kostenbauder N2XRE to the repeater team and get him clearance for unescorted access to the tower sites. KC3HKZ seconds. Motion carried.

DMR repeater. Dan KE3UC and Dave N3YFO from Cambria County offered to let BCARS use their UHF 443.525 DMR Motorola repeater, duplexer, and antenna. BCARS has a spot at Martin Hill building with ½ hardline already ran. They would reserve the ownership and right to reclaim the repeater in the future. KB3DFZ motions that BCARS hosts this repeater at Martin Hill on a trial basis. KA3UDR seconds. Motion carried.

KB3DFZ motions the club spends up to \$150 for a **new laserjet printer** to use for VE session and any other BCARS needs. KE3ZT seconds. Motion carried.

KC3NAF motions that the officers make a list of prioritized planned purchases so that members can approve the prioritization. KK3F seconds. Motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2055 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hogenmiller

John Hogenmiller, KB3DFZ BCARS Secretary