



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 October, 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 (13) KB3DFZ/John, KC3HKZ/Gary, KE3ZT/Steve, KC3DNB/Steve, WB3JEK/Kenny W3DRW/Bernie, N2XRE/Kip, Zach/KC3KHK, Jay/K3SCM, Aden/KC3VLQ, Ed/KC3NAF

Meeting Minutes were presented by **John/KB3DFZ**. Motion to approve was made by **WB3JEK** and seconded by **N2XRE**. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was presented by **KC3DNB**. **Steve** discussed various checks received, checks issued and cash deposits. The ending balances are:

Petty Cash	\$0.00
Checking Account	\$3,774.25
Savings Account	\$3,822.72
Total	\$7,596.97

A motion to approve was made by **WB3JEK**, seconded by **KC3HKZ**. Motion carried. The full treasurer's report is on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Halloween Parade is October 23rd. Kip reports that he should be able to drive the van for the parade.

Bike Bedford County event was discussed. Members felt it went very well. Kelly Shaffer thanked BCARS for their assistance during the event.

End of Year Meetings BCARS Nominations for officers will be due at the November 2nd meeting. Voting will take place at the BCARS Christmas/Holiday Dinner on December 7th. The dinner will be hosted as Hoss's this year, and starts at 6:30PM.

NEW BUSINESS

The upcoming **WPA Fall Set exercise** on October 7th was discussed. BCARS chose not to participate as a group this year with local net. However, several members did want to participate in the Winlink check in portion of the exercise. KB3DFZ offered to pass along any additional information for the exercise as it became available.

The **Pennsylvania QSL Party** is September 14th and 15th.

National Weather Service visit. KC3NAF arranged a multi-club tour of the NWS State College weather forecast office and river ops forecast office on October 3rd. This was hosted by Jonathan Guseman/KJ4ZWS. In addition to BCARS members KC3DNB and KC3NAF, there were 5 members from Somerset County Club (SCARC) and 4 members from Blair County HARC club.

Steve, KE3ZT did a fantastic presentation on **VOACAP**, which is an online program that can be used to predict HF radio propagation between locations for different times of the day and on different bands. A variation of this program exists within Winlink to show the most likely Winlink station that can be reached.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **2015** hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hogenmiller

John Hogenmiller, KB3DFZ
BCARS Secretary