



*Minutes of the 9th of August 2005 Meeting
of the
Barrie Amateur Radio Club
held at Zehr's, Big Bay Point Rd.*

In attendance:

President	Wendy Ford	VA3WCF
Treasurer	Rick Allen	VA3WSB
Secretary	Harry Gauthier	VE3SXH
Director	Brad Ford	VE3SLI

Absent:

Director	Dave Wainwright	VE3ILA
Past President	Terry Barrett	VA3KLG

Before the meeting started Wendy Ford VA3WCF expressed condolences for our Silent Keys, June McGuire VE3TJJ and Bob Beale VE3FNV.

Call to order - The meeting was called to order at 19:07 hrs by Wendy Ford VA3WCF.

Introductions – All those present introduced themselves.

Minutes of the last meeting - The minutes of the meeting on the 14th of June 2005 were read and accepted by all with minor corrections.

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Treasurer's Report - Rick Allen VA3WSB gave the financial report. (Attached). It was motioned by Martin Tot VE3FAT and seconded by Alex McGuire VE3PKA that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. **All were in favour.**

ARES Report – Dave Wainwright VE3ILA was absent and no ARES Report was given.

Hamfest Committee Report – Wendy Ford VA3WCF reported that Radio World and Durham Radio would not be attending the Hamfest this year. The Prizes have been selected and will be purchased shortly. The three main prizes are: 1st: 2 meter mobile radio, 2nd: 2 meter handheld, 3rd: \$100.00 gift certificate from Radio World, 4th: a

Samsonite Briefcase donated by VA3MAH. There will also be numerous other door prizes.

Wendy will hold a final meeting before the Hamfest at her house on the 23rd of August at 17:30 hrs.

In return for using the Oro Fairground facilities the Oro Agricultural Society has asked us to volunteer and help with their fair on the 16th and 17th of September. We are looking for volunteers. Submit your name to Alex McGuire VE3PKA.

Repeater Report – Brad Ford VE3SLI reported that the repeater is working well, but that it will need to be calibrated at some point soon to keep it at peak performance.

Ride for Literacy Report – Rick Allen VA3WSB reported that few people were there to help, but they managed to work everything out. Special Thanks to Terry and Leslie Barrett VA3KLG and VE3TMK and Alain Veron VA3PQF for providing communication at check points. Rick will start the process earlier next year and get firm commitments.

Field Day Committee Report – Martin Tot VE3FAT reported that the Field Day went very well. Garfield Dunlop, MPP Simcoe North was in attendance. The computer logs need to be downloaded from the laptops and put together to send in our activity. Martin will arrange a get together to do this. Wendy provided a breakdown of the food and refreshment costs. The club made a profit of \$8.30.

Social Committee Report – Wendy Ford VA3WCF said she had no report to give.

Website Report – Harry Gauthier VE3SXH reported little work was done on the website and mentioned about the DX area and asked whether this is useful, as it has not been used over the past year.

New Business – Wendy Ford VA3WCF felt that we did not have enough funds to put money into a GIC as suggested by Pat Barrett VE3RNH. We will revisit this after the Hamfest, at the budget meeting.

On Terry Barrett VA3KLG's suggestion to buy bed kits for Sleeping Children Around the World, the club felt that this should be addressed next year.

The bill of \$214.00 from the Township of Oro-Medonte for use of the building with the washrooms during field day was addressed by Alex McGuire VE3PKA. She explained that we need to pay the bill and that she tried to have the fee waived but could not as the council felt that we did not represent Oro-Medonte.

Correspondence – Harry Gauthier VE3SXH read an email from Industry Canada, which introduced alternatives to morse requirement for HF.

Harry also read an email from LRSA asking clubs in the Barrie area for donations to purchase an antenna for the packet repeater to provide emergency communications. After discussion, a motion was put forward by Alex McGuire VE3PKA to donate \$35.00 to LRSA towards the purchase of an antenna for the packet repeater. This was seconded by Martin Tot VE3FAT. **All were in favour.**

Rick made out a cheque and Harry Gauthier VE3SXH will write a letter and send it out.

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the formal portion of the meeting was presented by Martin Tot VE3FAT at 20:30 hrs and was seconded by Alex McGuire VE3PKA. All in attendance were in favour. The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is on the 13th of September 2005.

Coffee and Cookie Break – During the break the 50/50 draw was conducted and the winner of \$9.50 was Wendy Ford VA3WCF.

Presentation – A presentation was given by Al Duncan VE3RRD revisiting the Motorola Cell antenna conversion to 2 meters and on a 40 meter MSAT dipole made from cable TV wire. Wendy Ford VA3WCF thanked Al for his presentation.

List of Upcoming Events

September 10th 2005 – Hamfest at Oro Fair Grounds

September 16th and 17th – Oro World Fair

October 15th and 16th 2005 – JOTA (Jamboree On The Air) at the Borden Family Resource Centre.

February 2006 – GOTA (Guides On The Air) at the Borden Family Resource Centre.