



*Minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> of September 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	Dave Wainwright	VE3ILA

Absent:

Director	Brad Ford	VE3SLI
Past President	Terry Barrett	VA3KLG

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**Call to order** - The meeting was called to order at 19:14 hrs by Wendy Ford VA3WCF. Wendy expressed condolences for our Silent Key, David Anderson VE3PZV.

**Introductions** – All those present introduced themselves.

**Minutes of the last meeting** - The minutes of the meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August 2005 were read by Harry Gauthier VE3SXH. It was motioned by Alex McGuire VE3PKA and seconded by Sy Mills VE3VDG that the Minutes be accepted as read with minor corrections. **All were in favour.**

**Treasurer's Report** - Rick Allen VA3WSB gave the financial report. (Attached). It was motioned by Dave Wainwright VE3ILA and seconded by Alex McGuire VE3PKA that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. **All were in favour.**

Rick also gave a brief overview of the Hamfest Expenses. He stated that the numbers were down and that he would have a full report for the next meeting.

**ARES Report** – Dave Wainwright VE3ILA reported that last Sunday there was a meeting in Orillia of the district emergency coordinators (ECs & DECs). The guest speaker was the president of RAC (Radio Amateurs of Canada).

Dave reminded all that the ARES Net is on Monday nights at 7:30 pm on RAG 147.000+. Dave wants to make the Net more interesting. He wants to have a question

each week for the following week. This weeks question is: "What can we do to make the Net more Interesting?"

**Hamfest Committee Report** – Wendy Ford VA3WCF reported that the attendance was down. She will be holding a debrief meeting to discuss some of the issues encounter with this years Hamfest. This will happen in approximately one month, as Wendy would like to wait and ensure she gets feedback from vendors and people who attended. Wendy believes it was a success. She congratulated Doug Tompsett on wining the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize and presented him with a \$100.00 Gift Certificate for Radioworld.

Alex McGuire VE3PKA reported about the Oro World Fair, which is on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September. As part of our agreement BARC volunteers will provide assistance. The parade will start at noon on Friday and it will be busy until 3 or 3:30 pm so volunteers should be there from about 11am until about 5 pm. On Saturday it is an all day thing but slower than Friday and our services would only be required from 10 am to about 3 pm. Alex mentioned that if you have an FRS Radio to bring it along. Wendy said she had 4 and would bring hers.

**Repeater Report** – Brad Ford VE3SLI was absent and no Repeater Report was given.

**Website Report** – Harry Gauthier VE3SXH reported that he had done some updates on the Web Page and he will be updating the Hamfest area soon with pictures.

**Ride for Literacy Report** – There was no Ride for Literacy Report

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

**JOTA (Jamboree On The Air)** – There was no volunteer to head this event. Harry Gauthier VE3SHX suggested Peter Murphy VE3PJM. Wendy will follow up on trying to get a volunteer. If no one steps forward we will have to cancel out on this event.

**New Business** –

**Hamfest** - Wendy Ford VA3WCF asked Harry Gauthier VE3SXH to prepare a letter of thanks for the following: Georgian College for providing Security personnel, St John's Ambulance for providing on site support and The Oro Agricultural Society for use of their facilities. A cheque of \$50.00 will be issued to St John's Ambulance and a cheque for \$50.00 to the Oro Agricultural Society.

**Adjournment** – A motion to adjourn the formal portion of the meeting was presented by Alex McGuire VE3PKA at 19:45 hrs and was seconded by Dave Wainwright VE3ILA. **All were in favour.** The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2005.

**Coffee and Cookie Break** – During the break the 50/50 draw was conducted and the winner of \$8.25 was Alex McGuire VE3PKA.

**Presentation** – A presentation was given by Al Duncan VE3RRD on a 2 Meter, element quad antenna that he built in 1988. He said it is excellent for mobile operation on packet, fox hunting, DFing (Direction Finding) and he also used it on a booster station. He originally built it from an article in the ARRL Antenna Handbook. The driven element is 1 wavelength (80 inches). The reflector is about 5% bigger (86.25 inches) It has to be adjusted with an SWR meter. The SWR can be reduced by moving the reflector closer or further away from the driven element. RG 58 was used for the output cable.

Wendy thanked Al on behalf of the Barrie Amateur Radio Club. Al will be giving a presentation next month on how a Fox Hunt is run and the use of DFing equipment.

The meeting was finished at 2015 hrs.

### **List of Upcoming Events**

**September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>** – Oro World Fair

**October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 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.