



*Minutes of the 14th of March 2006
Meeting of the
Barrie Amateur Radio Club
held at Zehr's, Big Bay Point Rd.*

In attendance:

President	Wendy Ford	VA3WCF
Vice-President	Brad Ford	VE3SLI
Treasurer	Rick Allen	VA3WSB
Secretary	Harry Gauthier	VE3SXH
Director	Alain Veron	VA3PQF

Absent :

Director	Dave Wainwright	VE3ILA
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Call to order - The meeting was called to order at 19:10 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 February 2006 were read by Harry Gauthier VE3SXH. It was motioned by JP Leblanc VA3QN and seconded by John Kenzie VE3WJK that the minutes be accepted as read.

All were in favour.

Treasurer's Report - Rick Allen VA3WSB gave the Club's financial report as of the 28th of February 2006 (Attached). It was motioned by JP Leblanc VA3QN and seconded by Al Duncan VE3RRD that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented.

All were in favour.

ARES Report – Ian Snow VA3QT reported on ARES and discussions between Georgian District and Simcoe County. He informed that Simcoe County is purchasing three stations, two portable and 1 fixed station. Ian gave an explanation of how ARES works and some of the shortfalls and possible solutions. All three stations should be operational in June for a County Exercise.

Hamfest Committee Report – Wendy Ford VA3WCF would like maximum participation at the first Hamfest Committee meeting at her house on Thursday 23rd of March at 19:30 hrs.

Field Day Committee Report – Wendy Ford VA3WCF asked for a chairperson for this year's Field Day. There were no volunteers. Wendy mentioned that if there were no volunteers there may be no Field Day this Year. If you would like to chair the Field Day this year please contact Wendy.

Repeater Report – Brad Ford VE3SLI reported that he had taken an attenuator out and that sensitivity is lacking. He and Al Duncan VE3RRD will try to tune up the transceiver or replace. Al will check with Ron Smith VE3NLS on prices for new repeater radios.

Website Report – Harry Gauthier VE3SXH reported that he had done routine maintenance and updates.

Ride for Literacy Report – Rick Allen VA3WSB had no updates on the Ride for Literacy but explained the operation to newcomers. The projected date for this year is the 15th of July.

Social Committee Report – Wendy Ford VA3WCF announced that she would like to hold another Casino trip. She explained what it was all about to the new people and that more info on this would follow. Wendy will send out an email to all.

JOTA (Jamboree On The Air) – There was no JOTA report.

GOTA (Guides on the Air) – JP Leblanc VA3QN reported on Guides on the Air held at the Borden Family Resource Centre (building E-182) on the 18th of February. He and John Kenzie VE3WJK were present and did the set up and tear down. The President, Wendy Ford VA3WCF, and the Vice-President, Brad Ford VE3SLI, were also present for a while. There were two groups of girls (approximately 250 total). The Brownies were on the air between 13:00 and 15:00 hrs and the Girl Guides were on the air from 19:00 and 21:00 hrs. There was one HF Station and one VHF Station. Echo Link was also used. 66 Girls were put through by the end of the day. There were not many other GOTA stations but there was a good response from amateur Radio Operators. JP mentioned that in the future maybe a little more coordination could be done before hand with other GOTA groups.

Wendy Ford VA3WCF thanked JP and John for there work with GOTA.

New Business

Charity Bike Ride – Wendy Ford VA3WCF read an email she had received concerning this event.

Barrie Triathlon – There was no further information on the Barrie Triathlon. Alex McGuire VE3PKA will report in April.

Basic Amateur Course – Wendy Ford VA3WCF reported that the Basic Amateur Course was going well.

2006 Budget – Rick Allen VE3WSB presented the 2006 Budget (attached). There was a correction to the income – to read \$2745.00 to give a Net Income of \$240.00. A motion to accept the budget with corrections was presented by Pat Barrett VE3RNH and seconded by Jack Hartley VE3RDQ. **All were in favour.**

A motion was put forward by Pat Barrett VE3RNH seconded by Rick Allen VE3WSB that the \$37.95 interest earned on the GIC is left in the GIC. **All were in favour.**

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the formal portion of the meeting was presented by JP Leblanc VA3QN at 20:05 hrs and was seconded by Brad Ford VE3SLI. **All were in favour.**

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is on the 11th of April 2006.

Coffee and Cookie Break – During the break the 50/50 draw was conducted and the winner of \$7.00 was Wendy Ford VA3WCF.

Presentation – A presentation was given by Al Duncan VE3RRD and Ian Snow VA3QT on Packet Radio, WinLink and on various TNCs (Terminal Node Controllers) and how they are of use to Amateur Radio Operators.

Wendy thanked Al and Ian on behalf of the Barrie Amateur Radio Club.

The meeting was finished at 21:00 hrs.

List of Upcoming Events

April 10th 2006 – Basic Amateur Radio Course Exam at Central Collegiate – 7 pm.

June 24th & 25th 2006 – Field Day at the Oro Fair Grounds

July 15th 2006 – Ride for Literacy

September 9th 2006 – Hamfest at the Oro Fair Grounds