



*Minutes of the 11th of April 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
Director	Dave Wainwright	VE3ILA

Absent :

Call to order - The meeting was called to order at 19:15 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 March 2006 were read by Harry Gauthier VE3SXH. It was motioned by JP Leblanc VA3QN and seconded by Rick Allen VA3WSB 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 31st of March 2006 (Attached). It was motioned by Alex McGuire VE3PKA and seconded by Dave Wainwright VE3ILA that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented.

All were in favour.

ARES Report – Dave Wainwright VE3ILA reported on ARES. He informed that Simcoe County is purchasing three stations, two portable and one fixed station. Volunteers are required for voice and digital mode. Training will be provided. Dave has ARES Membership forms for anyone wishing to volunteer.

Hamfest Committee Report – Wendy Ford VA3WCF held the first Hamfest Committee meeting at her house on Thursday 23rd of March at 19:30 hrs. Volunteers are needed. See Wendy. Next Hamfest Committee Meeting Thursday April 27th at Wendy's house.

Field Day Committee Report – Wendy Ford VA3WCF stated that a chairperson is required for this year's Field Day. A decision will be made at next month's meeting whether we will have a field day or not and where it may be located.

Repeater Report – Brad Ford VE3SLI reported that he hasn't had a chance to get at the repeater. Al Duncan VE3RRD checked with Ron Smith VE3NLS and reported that it would be \$250 to \$300 for a Motorola receiver. There will be more to follow on this.

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. The date for this year is the 15th of July. Rick will have more info at next month's meeting.

Social Committee Report – Wendy Ford VA3WCF announced that she would like to do something in June, possibly a Casino trip. Wendy will send out an email to all.

New Business

Basic Amateur Course – Wendy Ford VA3WCF reported that the Basic Amateur Course would be writing their exam tomorrow April 12th.

Wendy presented certificates to JP Leblanc VA3QN, Dave Wainwright VE3ILA and Harry Gauthier VE3SXH for their assistance and instruction during the 2006 Basic Amateur Course. Wendy also had certificates for Ian Snow VA3QT and Mike Kassay VE3MKX, but due to their absence at the meeting, she will present it to them at a later date.

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the formal portion of the meeting was presented by Alex McGuire VE3PKA at 20:00 hrs and was seconded by JP Leblanc VA3QN.
All were in favour.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is on the 9th of May 2006.

Coffee and Cookie Break – During the break the 50/50 draw was conducted and the winner of \$8.00 was JP Leblanc VA3QN.

Presentation – During the presentation time, Al Duncan VE3RRD announced that there were only two contestants in the last Fox Hunt Ian Snow VA3QT and Terry Scorns. He then gave an explanation of the Fox Hunt, which was followed by discussion. You do not need to be a licensed Amateur in order to participate. Check the BARC Web Page for more details. Next Fox Hunt is on the 13th of May.

Terry Scorns showed off some of the antennas that he had built, with rotors and collapsible. He built them with items that he had picked up at a relatively low cost. These antennas could be used in mobile or base station operation.

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

The meeting was finished at 20:30 hrs.

List of Upcoming Events

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