



*Minutes of the 9th of May 2006
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:

Vice-President	Brad Ford	VE3SLI
Director	Alain Veron	VA3PQF

Call to order - The meeting was called to order at 19:08 hrs by Wendy Ford VA3WCF.

Introductions – All those present introduced themselves.

Minutes of the last meeting - The minutes of the meeting on the 11th of April 2006 were read by Harry Gauthier VE3SXH. It was motioned by Dave Wainwright VE3ILA and seconded by Alex McGuire VE3PKA 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 30th of April 2006 (Attached). It was motioned by Martin Tot VE3FAT and seconded by John Kenzie VE3WJK 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 had purchased their equipment and that he and Ian Snow VA3QT installed a two-bander antenna. Ian is working on setting up the equipment. Volunteers are being trained to man the emergency operation centre. There will be an exercise in the fall to test the systems. Training courses will continue as required.

Hamfest Committee Report – Wendy Ford VA3WCF reported that plans are going along fine. Volunteers are needed. See Wendy. Next Hamfest Committee Meeting Thursday June 8th at Wendy's house. Wendy will send out an email to this effect.

Field Day Committee Report – Field Day will be a GO for this year. JP Leblanc VA3QN wrote an email to the CO of 700 Squadron at Base Borden for required equipment. The response was that generators might not be available. JP will read the Field Day instructions and see if we can operate without generators. Harry Gauthier VE3SXH will assist JP with the coordination, set up and manning of Field Day. We need volunteers for this event. Contact JP soonest.

Repeater Report – Brad Ford VE3SLI was not present so no Repeater Report was given.

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

Ride for Literacy Report – Wendy Ford VA3WCF received an email from the organizer of the Ride for Literacy. The date for this year is the 15th of July. There will be five checkpoints – Keswick High School, Bradford, Orillia, Brechin and Sutton.

Social Committee Report – Wendy Ford VA3WCF announced that planning for the Casino trip would be put off until October. Wendy will be hosting a social get together, radio equipment swap shop and BBQ at her house on the 22 July. There will be more to follow on this.

Correspondance

Harry Gauthier VE3SXH read a letter he received from The Canadian National Institute for the Blind asking for donations to support Amateur Radio for the blind and visually impaired. After some discussion, J.P. Leblanc VA3QN motioned that we send \$25.00 to CNIB to support this cause. Dave Wainwright VE3ILA seconded this motion.

All were in favour.

Harry Gauthier VE3SXH read a letter he received from Georgian Summer Suites offering summer accommodation in Barrie.

Harry Gauthier VE3SXH read a letter he received from Weather Wise Instruments advertising weather station equipment and offering a 5% discount off any club purchases. It was suggested that we should ask them for donations for our upcoming Hamfest as a door prize.

New Business

Basic Amateur Course – Wendy Ford VA3WCF reported that 4 out of 5 students wrote and passed their Basic Amateur Exam on the 12th of April and three obtained a mark high enough to obtain their HF privileges.

Celebrate Barrie – Alex McGuire VE3PKA told everyone about Celebrate Barrie and how we had a tent set up last year. It will be held on the 3rd of June at

Centennial Park and must be geared to both adults and children. Alex asked for volunteers. If you are interested please contact Alex.

Dog Walk – Alex McGuire VE3PKA reported that May 28th is the annual Dog Walk at Centennial Beach. It starts at 9:30 am at the Lion's Shelter. Volunteers are needed to be there and ready to go by 9:00 am. If interested contact Alex.

Heritage Day – Alex McGuire VE3PKA reported that volunteers are needed for parking vehicles for Heritage Day at the Oro Fair Grounds sometime in August. More details to follow. If interested talk to Alex.

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the formal portion of the meeting was presented by Alex McGuire VE3PKA at 20:15 hrs and was seconded by Dave Wainwright VE3ILA.
All were in favour.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is on the 13th of June 2006.

Coffee and Cookie Break – During the break the 50/50 draw was conducted and the winner of \$10.00 was Wendy Ford VA3WCF.

Presentation – JP Leblanc VA3QN gave a small presentation on Emergency Preparedness Week. He showed a pamphlet put out by Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada, which gives pointers on what to have and to do in order to survive 72 hours during an emergency. Some items that were pointed out and sometimes forgotten were flashlight, whistle and a good first aid kit. Also, often people neglect to take into account their pets. Plan for them too.

Check this website www.epweek.ca for more information.

Wendy thanked JP Leblanc on behalf of the Barrie Amateur Radio Club.

The meeting was finished at 21:00 hrs.

List of Upcoming Events

May 28th – Dog Walk – Centennial Beach – 09:30 am

June 3rd 2006 – Celebrate Barrie at Centennial Park, Barrie

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

July 15th 2006 – Ride for Literacy

August – Heritage Day – Oro Fair Grounds

September 9th 2006 – Hamfest at the Oro Fair Grounds