



*Minutes of the 13 February 2007 Meeting  
of the  
Barrie Amateur Radio Club  
held at Zehr's, Big Bay Point Rd.*

In attendance:

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| President      | Harry Gauthier | VE3SXH |
| Vice-President | Alex McGuire   | VE3PKA |
| Secretary      | Ian McCallum   | VA3IDM |
| Director       | Jack Hartley   | VE3RDQ |
| Director       | Al Duncan      | VE3RRD |

Absent:

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| Treasurer | Rick Allen | VA3WSB |
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**Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 1915 hrs by Harry Gauthier VE3SXH.

**Announcement** – Alex McGuire VE3PKA made the very sad announced that Rick Allen VA3WSB just discovered he has cancer and is now pursuing treatment.

**Introductions** – All those present introduced themselves. There were 15 in attendance including past executives, Brad VE3SLI and Wendy Ford VA3WCF.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting** - The minutes of the last meeting on Jan 9, 2007 were read by Ian McCallum VA3IDM. It was motioned by Harry Gauthier VE3SXH and seconded by Ted Pino VA3TWP that the minutes be accepted as read. **All were in favour.**

**Treasurer's Report** - Alex McGuire VE3PKA presented the club financial report for January (attached). Since the report was missing the opening bank balance, it was tabled pending verification of the amount.

**ARES Report** – Dave Wainwright VE3ILA read an email he had received from Bruce Griffin (Barrie Community Emergency Planner) attached. The letter indicated that Bruce would like to meet with the Amateur Radio Club to review its role in Barrie's Emergency Planning.

**Hamfest Committee Report** – No report tabled.

**Repeater Report** – Brad Ford VE3SLI indicated that no work had been done on the VE3RAG (147.000) repeater lately. Al Duncan VE3RRD mentioned that he wants to do a full repeater tune-up before he retires in January 2008.

**Ride for Literacy Report** – Harry made another request for volunteers for the ride.

**Social Committee Report** – No report tabled.

**Website Report** – Harry Gauthier VE3SXH indicated that he created email addresses for each of the executive positions (president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, director and director1). He also created a club email address [hamradio@barriearc.com](mailto:hamradio@barriearc.com) that is automatically forwarded to the president, vice-president and secretary. The club email address had already received one email from a prospective student.

**Guides On The Air (GOTA)** – The event is scheduled for this coming Saturday at Base Borden at the Family Resource Centre (Right at first set of lights, first building on left). There are expected to be between 30-35 SPARKS between 2-4PM and volunteers are needed to set up equipment and help with operating.

JP LeBlanc VA3QN, Harry Gauthier VE3SXH, and Ian McCallum VA3IDM agreed to meet at the base at noon to help set up.

**JOTA** – No report tabled.

**Oro Fair** – No report tabled.

**Correspondence** – No correspondence.

**Old Business** – Al Duncan VE3RRD picked up and inventoried the equipment from Gay Welsman's late husband. (attached). Based on a discussion at the last executive meeting (Feb 7, 2007), Harry Gauthier VE3SXH mentioned that, per Ms. Welsman's wishes, the equipment would be given to students of the next Amateur Radio Course based on their exam test scores (assuming the course runs). Brad Ford VE3SLI suggested that the equipment from Jack Holden's estate might also be distributed in a similar fashion.

Harry Gauthier VE3SXH mentioned that he has had very few queries about the course. He had received a query from a past student, Terry Scorns, who wanted to sit through the exam again and an email from a fellow that also wants to know how to write the test. Harry also mentioned that the Barrie Public Library is available for use (free of charge), but there may be some scheduling difficulties depending on which night the course is run. The alternative venue is Barrie Central Collegiate which requires a fee up front, however, most of the fee is apparently refundable.

In an effort to increase public awareness of BARC, Al Duncan VE3RRD created a BARC business card that can be used as "advertising" for the club. On one side, it included the club logo, web site, email address and repeater info. On the other side it

provides a brief explanation of what the hobby is all about. Everyone in the club was given a few cards and encouraged put them up on public bulletin boards around town.

Al Duncan also created and distributed a new club newsletter that contained some very interesting articles on various aspects of the hobby. Al also suggested that links be added to BARC website for the newsletters.

**New Business** – Ian McCallum VA3IDM announced that his company is transferring him to Portland, OR in September '07. His last official meeting as club secretary will be August 14, 2007.

Wendy Ford VA3WCF indicated that the room reservation at Zehrs needed to be renewed for 2007. (Room reservation carried out at the end of the meeting)

Al Duncan VE3RRD suggested the creation of technical sub-committee to work on various projects together. Several people showed interest. Al took names and will contact later them via email.

Alex McGuire VE3PKA indicated that she would like to make a set of posters representing BARC for the Celebrate Barrie event (and other events going forward). She thinks that 2-3 posters showing different aspects of club activities including ARES, youth involvement, etc. would help to promote new membership. Alex suggested that club members look through old QST magazines and clip out photographs that could be used to make these posters.

**Coffee and Cookie Break & 50/50 Draw** – The winner of the 50/50 Draw during the Coffee and Cookie Break was Ray Mossman VE3FWG in the amount of \$15.

**Presentation** – Dave Wainwright VE3ILA presented a very interesting overview of cardiac pacemakers; from twitching frog's legs through the advances in technology of pacemakers including the use of RF technology to communicate between “doctor and device”. The presentation was enjoyed by everyone.

**Adjournment** – A motion to adjourn the meeting was presented at 2130 hrs by Wendy Ford VA3WCF and seconded by Jack Hartley VE3RDQ. **All in attendance were in favour.**

**The meeting was adjourned.**

**List of Upcoming Events**

**Basic Amateur Radio Course** – March 2007

**Field Day** – June 2007

**Ride for Literacy** – July 2007

**Hamfest** – September 2007

**Jamboree On The Air (JOTA)** – October 2007

**Guides On The Air (GOTA)** – February 2008

**Fox Hunts** (hidden transmitter hunts) – Monthly