



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

In attendance:

President	Harry Gauthier	VE3SXH
Vice-President	Alex McGuire	VE3PKA
Secretary	Ian McCallum	VA3IDM
Treasurer	Rick Allen	VA3WSB
Director	Jack Hartley	VE3RDQ

Absent:

Director	Al Duncan	VE3RRD
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**Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 1915 hrs by Harry VE3SXH.

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

There were 22 folks in attendance.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting** - The minutes of the last meeting on 13 March 2007 were read by Ian VA3IDM. It was motioned by Jack VE3RDQ and seconded by Ted VE3TWP that the minutes be accepted as read. **All were in favour.**

Harry VE3SXH indicated that at the next meeting, it was decided that we would review the minutes by asking whether anybody had any questions regarding the minutes posted on the website in an effort to shorten the “business” portion of the meeting.

**Correspondence** – Ian VA3IDM finally found the club mailbox and indicated that the club had received two letters. The first was a Christmas card from Garfield Dunlop, MPP and the other was a thank-you letter with a tax receipt from St. John's Ambulance in the amount of \$50.

**Treasurer's Report** - Rick Allen VA3WSB presented the club financial report for February (attached). It was motioned by Alex and seconded by Jack that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. **All were in favour.**

**Barrie Amateur Radio Course:**

Harry VE3SXH indicated that the Amateur Radio Course will be held at Barrie Central Collegiate, 125 Dunlop Street West, Room 140, starting March 29 for 10 weeks.

**ARES Report** – No report tabled.

**Field Day Committee Report** – No report tabled.

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

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

**Website Committee Report** – Harry VE3SXH indicated that he planned to add some of the GOTA event pictures to the website.

**Ride for Literacy Report** – No report tabled.

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

**GOTA** – The folks that attended GOTA indicated that it didn't seem very well organized this year, but everyone said they had a great time.

**JOTA** – Harry VE3SXH indicated that there has been no contact with JOTA folks for a while. He said he will look into this for this year and mentioned that it is apparently their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Old Business** – No old business.

**New Business** – Harry VE3SXH proposed that the club buy one new laptop and later a terminal network controller (TNC) so folks in the club could experiment with the various digital modes. Harry received a quote on a second-hand laptop for about \$400 + \$20 for additional memory. It was motioned by Alex VE3PKA and seconded by Rick VA3WSB that one laptop be purchased with the additional memory. **All were in favour.**

The decision to buy the TNC was deferred until the next meeting.

Alex VE3PKA described what the Celebrate Barrie event entailed and renewed her request for old pictures to make the posters.

Harry VE3SXH mentioned that we should renew our membership to the Western New York Southern Ontario Repeater Council (WNYSORC).

**Coffee and Cookie Break & 50/50 Draw** – The winner of the 50/50 Draw during the Coffee and Cookie Break was Alex VE3PKA in the amount of \$14.50.

**Presentation** – JP LeBlanc was all set to make a very interesting presentation, but due to a technical problem with the LCD projector (forgotten cable) it was deferred until a future meeting. **All in attendance were disappointed.**

**Adjournment** – A motion to adjourn the formal part of the meeting was presented at 2035 hrs by Ian VA3IDM and seconded by Tom VE3THR. **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 21, 2007

**Hamfest** – September 2007

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

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

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