



*Minutes of the 10 April 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
Director	Al Duncan	VE3RRD
Director	Jack Hartley	VE3RDQ

Absent:

Secretary	Ian McCallum	VA3IDM
Treasurer	Rick Allen	VA3WSB

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 1904 hrs by Harry VE3SXH.

Introductions – All those present introduced themselves.

There were 17 folks in attendance.

Minutes of the Last Meeting - The minutes of the last meeting on 13 March 2007 were read by Harry VE3SXH. It was motioned by Jack VE3RDQ and seconded by Tom VE3THR that the minutes be accepted as read. **All were in favour.**

Treasurer's Report – Alex VE3PKA presented the club financial report for March (attached) as Rick VA3WSB was unable to attend. It was motioned by Wendy VA3WCF and seconded by John VE3WJK that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. **All were in favour.**

Correspondence – Still no word on our membership dues for WNYSORC. Brad VE3SLI will check into this.

Basic Amateur Radio Course:

Harry VE3SXH reported that the Basic Amateur Radio Course is doing well. There are 15 students.

ARES Report – No report tabled but someone commented that it was pretty lonely on Monday nights at 7:30 pm on VE3RAG at 147.00

Field Day Committee Report – No report tabled.

Hamfest Committee Report – No report tabled.

Repeater Committee Report – No report tabled.

Website Committee Report – Harry VE3SXH advised that the website is continuously being updated. Please go have a look at www.barriearc.com

Ride for Literacy Report – No report tabled.

Social Committee Report – No report tabled.

GOTA – No report tabled.

JOTA – No report tabled.

Old Business – Harry VE3SXH reported that the club laptop was purchased for \$540.00 from Just Like New Computers. It is an IBM ThinkPad 2.0 Ghz Pentium 4 with 1 Gig of Ram.

New Business – Ontario QSO Contest – Plans are in the works to participate in the Ontario QSO Contest to be held the 22nd and 23rd of April. The club will set up radios at Dutchman's Cove Marina 0900 hrs on the 22nd and tear down at 1400 hrs on the 23rd. This will offer the students to get some hands on experience to assist in their learning experience.

CANWARN Training in Orillia – Ian VA3QT invited everyone to attend the CANWARN Training in Orillia on Sunday, April 29th at 9 AM at the Orillia Ontario Provincial Police Headquarters Training Auditorium. He will forward an email to Harry VE3SXH to pass on to all club members.

Wolf's Den Archery Contest – Alex VE3PKA spoke about a request from the Wolf's Den to assist with communications during an Archery Contest weekend event in August. Alex will get more info as to what is expected of us and report back next month.

Walk for Dog Guides – Centennial Park 9 am to noon 27 May – Alex VE3PKA spoke to this. We will support the event as best possible. More info to come.

Purchase of TNC (Terminal Node Controller) Ian Snow presented some background on this and showed different models that could be purchased as well as the pros and cons of these. After some discussion, Harry VE3SXH motioned that the club spend up to \$200.00 to purchase the TNC Hardware as well as a program to best utilise the TNC. This was seconded by JP VA3QN. All were in favour.

Coffee and Cookie Break & 50/50 Draw – The winner of the 50/50 Draw during the Coffee and Cookie Break was Harry VE3SXH in the amount of \$11.75.

Presentation – JP VA3QN gave a very interesting presentation on the World War 1 campaign in German East Africa. It was interesting to note that Radio Communications played a big role in this campaign.

Harry VE3SXH thanked JP for the presentation on behalf of the Barrie Amateur Radio Club and also encouraged members to feel free to bring ideas for future presentations, not necessarily Amateur Radio related.

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the meeting was presented at 2115 hrs by Alex VE3PKA and seconded by Tom VE3THR. **All in attendance were in favour.**

The meeting was adjourned.

List of Upcoming Events

Ontario QSO Contest – 22 & 23 April 2007 - Dutchman's Cove, Penetanguishene

CANWARN Training – 29 April 2007, 9 am Orillia

Walk for Dog Guides – 27 May 2007 – 9 am to noon - Centennial Park

Field Day – 23 & 24 June 2007

Ride for Literacy – 21 July 2007

Wolf's Den Archery Contest – August 2007

Hamfest – September 2007

Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) – October 2007

Guides On The Air (GOTA) – February 2008

Basic Amateur Radio Course – March 2007

Fox Hunts (hidden transmitter hunts) – starting 12 May 2007