



*Minutes of the 9 October 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
Treasurer	Rick Allen	VA3WSB
Secretary	Mary Adams	VA3MIZ
Director	Jack Hartley	VE3RDQ
Director	Al Duncan	VE3RRD

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 1915 hrs by Harry Gauthier VE3SXH.

Introductions – All those present introduced themselves. There were 16 in attendance.

Minutes of the September Meeting – It was motioned by Mary Adams VA3MIZ and seconded by Ted Pino VA3TWP that the minutes of the 11 September 07 be accepted. **All were in favour.**

Treasurer's Report – Rick Allen VA3WSB presented the club financial report for September (attached). Because there was a question about the previous balance and because he's still waiting on the final numbers from Orillia, Rick will re-do the report and it will be available at the next General Meeting.

Correspondence – Harry Gauthier VE3SXH mentioned that he had received 4 or 5 e-mails from people showing interest in the upcoming Amateur Radio Course. He also informed us that the Zone 2 International contest is scheduled for October 27 & 28, 2007.

ARES Report – The \$600.00 antenna which was ordered and installed at the hospital in Barrie didn't function properly and was sent back to Durham Radio to be replaced.

Dave Wainwright VE3ILA reported that Bill Paulin VE3WPP has a radio that he would like to donate to a "New Ham". Harry Gauthier VE3SXH said that we will discuss this more under new business.

Field Day Report – Nothing new to report.

Hamfest Committee Report – Hamfest on September 8, 2007, was a success! Alex McGuire VE3PKA told us that joining up with Orillia was a good idea, but mentioned that there were some problems that needed to be discussed. On the whole, all of the comments she heard were very positive although there were some complaints about opening hours and darkness. Jack Hartley VE3RDQ said that he felt that there wasn't enough power and that more would be needed in the future, especially where the food areas are concerned.

Repeater Report – The Repeater needs to be tuned up.

Foxhunt – Al Duncan VE3RRD reported that nobody showed up for the last Foxhunt. This Saturday, Al isn't available, so Jack Hartley VE3RDQ will plant the fox. Jack also asked if the times could be changed for this and whether Sunday wouldn't be a better day on which to hold the Foxhunts. To be discussed.

Social Committee Report – Alex McGuire VE3PKA is checking on other restaurants, besides Crock & Block and 55 Special to hold the Christmas dinner. Jack Hartley VE3RDQ is working with her on this and he will also check with the two restaurants who donated prizes for Hamfest.

Amateur Radio Course – Some of the items discussed were;

- Expanding the course to 17 weeks, not including the exam.
- Focusing on one chapter per night rather than two.
- Show & Tell for shorter nights?
- Running the course from November 15 to March 20th.
- Still looking at changing the venue to the Barrie Public Library from Barrie Central Collegiate.
- We need instructors for this course. Please let Harry Gauthier VE3SXH if you are able to help out.

Ontario QSO Contest – The Amateur Radio Course should be finished, so hopefully we'll have a lot of interest in this.

Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) – Alex McGuire VE3PKA spoke with Scout Leader Tony Gardner VA3PAY and there is a problem getting a venue because the front building is booked. Alex said that we can get the Oro Family Campground because although it closes down next weekend, we can have it for the following week. This would include the whole campground with the tent area and we could set up our equipment in the Recreation building for a one-time cost of \$75.00. She asked if we could perhaps make a donation of \$50.00 to the Scouts. This will be covered more in depth under New Business. Alex also asked if anyone familiar with radios was available to attend the Scout meeting on Tuesday, October 16th which will be held at St. Catharine of Sienna from 8-9pm. She said that she was going to speak with Ian McCallum VA3IDM, since it was his idea. Harry Gauthier VE3SXH thanked Alex and Ian for all of their work on this.

New Business – Harry Gauthier VE3SXH mentioned a request for funds for the Zone 2 Expedition. It was decided that this wasn't a good idea at this time, since they really don't support us.

Alex McGuire VE3PKA asked if we could make a \$50.00 donation to the Scouts to help cover the cost of the Recreation building for JOTA. She assured us that this would be a one-time cost and not expected again.

Alex McGuire VE3PKA moved to donate \$50.00.

Al Duncan VE3RRD Seconded

It was also noted that the Scouts provide us with coffee etc., so it was felt that this could be increased to the full \$75.00.

Mary Adams VA3MIZ moved that we donate \$75.00 in order to cover the cost of the Recreation building.

Al Duncan VE3RRD Seconded

All agreed.

Bill Paulin VE3WPP has a 2 metre radio which he would like to donate to the club to go to a "New Ham" or wherever the club sees fit. Dave Wainwright VE3ILA would like to purchase it for his son, who's a new ham radio operator, for \$80.00 - \$100.00. Alex McGuire VE3PKA asked that we think about this until the next meeting and then make a decision.

Coffee and Cookie Break & 50/50 Draw – The winner of the 50/50 Draw during the Coffee and Cookie Break was Harry Gauthier VE3SXH in the amount of \$10.00 and he graciously donated it to the Club.

Presentation – Al Duncan VE3RRD gave a very informative presentation on "How the Ham Radio Repeater works". For more information on this topic, please contact Al. Harry Gauthier VE3SXH thanked Al on behalf of the Club.

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn the meeting was presented at 2123 hrs by Mary Adams VA3MIZ and seconded by Alex McGuire VE3PKA. **All in attendance were in favour.**

The meeting was adjourned.

List of Upcoming Events

Fox Hunts (hidden transmitter hunts) – Monthly – 13 October 2007

Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) – 20 & 21 October 2007 (50th)

Basic Amateur Radio Course – November 2008 (venue pending)

BARC Elections – 13 November 2007 at Zehr's Big Bay Point Road

Annual Christmas Dinner – December 2007 at a place yet to be determined

Guides On The Air (GOTA) – February 2008 at Borden Family Resource Centre

Ontario QSO Contest – April 2008

Walk for Dog Guides – May 2008 at Centennial Park Barrie

Celebrate Barrie – June 2008 at Centennial Park Barrie

Field Day – June 4, 2008 at Oro Fair Grounds

Ride for Literacy – July 2008 - 5 checkpoints around Lake Simcoe

Heritage Day – August 2008 at Oro Fair Grounds

Hamfest – September 2008 at Oro Fair Grounds

Oro World Fair – September 2008 at Oro Fair Grounds