



*Minutes of the 13 Nov 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

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**Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 1905 hrs by Harry Gauthier VE3SXH.

**Introductions** – All those present introduced themselves. There were 14 in attendance.

**Minutes of the October Meeting** – It was motioned by Ian Snow VA3QT and Jack Hartley VE3RDQ that the minutes of the 11 September 07 be accepted. All were in favour. The current bank balance is \$2505.76. BARC share of the Hamfest and sales came to \$955.

**Treasurer's Report** – Rick Allen VA3WSB presented the club financial report for October. The final report will be e-mailed at a later time as Rick's photocopier was broken.

**Correspondence** – none

**ARES Report** – Dave Wainwright VE3ILA reminded all of the ARES net at 1930 hrs on Monday on VA3RAG. Alex McGuire VE3PKA had questions about how the net worked.

Dave stated that it starts with check-ins from all on the air, business, and then chat. Jack Hartley VE3RDQ stated that the antenna still did not work after its return from Durham Radio.

**Field Day Report** – Nothing new to report.

**Hamfest Committee Report** – Alex McGuire VE3PKA and Bob Simpson VE3LER held a meeting with Orillia to talk about next year. It was suggested that promotions start

earlier, perhaps January. It was also suggested that we approach Factory Direct in Barrie. There was positive feedback from all.

Harry Gauthier stated that participation with Orillia was very good and worked well.

**Repeater Report** – Jack Hartley had questions about who was looking after the repeater and how it might be accessed in case of emergency. Harry Gauthier is still trying to remedy all issues.

**Website Report** – Harry Gauthier will update when he can.

**Foxhunt** – Jack Hartley VE3RDQ stated that the foxhunt was not held last month because no one came out. It was proposed that this event might be held on a different day to allow more participation. The next foxhunt was scheduled for December but this event will be put on hold for the time being.

**Social Committee Report** – Alex McGuire VE3PKA asked that everyone coming to the dinner please let her know by next week to confirm seating and meals at Debb's. Information about the dinner is available on the web site.

**Amateur Radio Course** – Al Duncan asked that everyone pass on information about the course to anyone who might be interested in the training.

Harry Gauthier stated the following:

- The course would be held on Thursday nights, from 7-9 pm, 22 Nov 2007 to 03 Apr 2008 at Barrie Central Collegiate
- There would be one lesson held each night
- Any help would be welcome, especially extra radios for demonstration
- \$80 for the course which includes the study book and BARC membership
- Further information can be found on the web site

**Ontario QSO Contest** – Nothing is planned yet. Ideas for a location would be welcome.

**Walk for Dog Guides** – Usually happens at the end of May but nothing is planned as yet.

**Celebrate Barrie** – Usually held on the first weekend in June but nothing is planned as yet.

**Ride for Literacy** – Usually held in July but nothing is planned as yet. It occurs from 10 am to 1 pm. Volunteers are not needed for the entire time.

**Guides on the Air (GOTA)** – Alex McGuire took on the task of contacting the guides. To date she has been unable to get in touch with anyone in authority. She left BARC information with an office in Newmarket in the hope that it would be passed on so they might call us. The idea will likely be abandoned if no interest is shown. In the future it might be more advantageous to work with older groups such as the Pathfinders.

**Jamboree On The Air (JOTA)** – Harry Gauthier received an e-mail from the leader, Tony Gardner, to thank us. The kids loved the event and would like to do it again next year. Jack Hartley stated that all operators participating were presented with medals as thanks. Ian Snow stated that we could use more operators for next year and asked if the fairgrounds could be booked, now, for next year. Alex McGuire stated that she would book the dates and clarify the details later. A deposit would be needed by April 2008 at the latest.

### **Old Business**

- TNC build up and testing – Al Duncan has finished building it but it has not yet been tested on the air
- Disposition of radio donated by Bill Paulin VA3WPP – The executive previously suggested that the radio be sold for a sum of \$75. The motion was put forward by Ian Snow and seconded by Rick Allen. All were in favour and the motion passed.

### **New Business**

- Parts needed for the Kenwood TM731A – Al Duncan did the research and received two quotes for the necessary parts. The options were discussed and it was agreed that the more expensive option would be preferable since the power supply was more robust and could be used in conjunction with other equipment. The motion was put forward by Ian Snow and seconded by Alex McGuire. All were in favour and the motion passed.

**Coffee and Cookie Break & 50/50 Draw** – The winner of the 50/50 Draw during the Coffee and Cookie Break was Jack Hartley VE3RDQ in the amount of \$7.75 and he graciously donated it to the Club.

**Presentation** – no presentations were scheduled due to elections for the executive for 2008.

**Elections** – Elections were conducted with all voting members present at the meeting. All positions had only one person nominated so positions were filled by acclamation. This year another position was added to the executive to track, collect and promote membership.

- President – Alex McGuire VE3PKA
- Vice President – Jim Collins VE3LIC
- Secretary – Mary Adams VA3MIZ
- Treasurer – Rick Allen VA3WSB
- Director – Al Duncan VE3RRD
- Director – Jack Hartley VE3RDQ
- Membership – Darwin Duckworth VA3DUC

**Vote for HAM of the Year** – Ballots were passed to all in attendance and collected back. The results would be tallied and announced at the dinner.

**Adjournment** – A motion to adjourn the meeting was presented at 2058 hrs by Ian Snow VA3QT and seconded by Jack Hartley VE3RDQ. **All in attendance were in favour.**

**The meeting was adjourned.**

### **List of Upcoming Events**

**Fox Hunts (hidden transmitter hunts)** – on hold until further notice

**Basic Amateur Radio Course** – November 2008

**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