



*Minutes of the 12 Feb 2008  
Monthly Meeting  
of the  
Barrie Amateur Radio Club  
held at Zehr's, Big Bay Point Rd.*

President	Alex McGuire	VE3PKA
Vice-President	Jim Collins	VE3LIC
Treasurer	Rick Allen	VA3WSB
Secretary	Mary Adams	VA3MIZ
Membership	Darwin Duckworth	VA3DUC
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 Alex McGuire VE3PKA.

**Introductions**

All those present introduced themselves. There were 13 in attendance.

**Minutes of the January Meeting**

Alex reminded all that the minutes would no longer be read out at meetings but that they were available on the web for those interested. A printed copy is also available at the meetings for review during coffee break.

**Treasurer's Report**

Rick Allen VA3WSB presented the club financial report for January. Motion to accept by Ted Pino VA3TWP and seconded by Pat Barrett VE3RNH.

**Committee Reports**

**Ares**

Dave Wainwright VE3ILA provided the report. LSR has put out a report stating that we would be losing the Edgar site tower but ORC has the option of taking over the tower again on six months notice. This notice would go to Rogers to clear out their antennas from the site.

**Web Page**

Harry Gauthier VE3SXH is continuing to post the minutes on the website.

### **Membership Numbers and Renewals**

Darwin Duckworth VA3DUC has started contacting expired members and so far, two more have attended and paid their membership for this year.

### **Course Progress**

Al Duncan VE3RRD reported that the course pace has been increased to two nights per week and should be completed shortly. Currently, there will be five students scheduled to write the exam.

### **Repeater Report**

Harry Gauthier VE3SXH stated that the repeater and license are currently held by a non-attending member and some consideration should be given to having both re-located as we currently have little control over either. The one provision is that it would have to be controlled by an operator with the advanced qualification.

### **Social Committee**

Alex McGuire VE3PKA stated that there was nothing to report.

### **Correspondence**

Alex McGuire VE3PKA has confirmed bookings for various events throughout the year and that Oro Council might possibly reduce some of the costs involved in the rental of their facilities, but we must first apply. Alex is in the process of making these applications at this time.

Several members have complained of receiving SPAM through RAC. Jack Hartley VE3RDQ stated that this could be stopped by de-linking their personal e-mail through the RAC website.

Jack Hartley VE3RDQ asked if RAC had been notified of our impending Hamfest this year. Al Duncan VE3RRD stated that they had been notified and he has double checked the RAC website to confirm our listing.

### **Old Business**

#### **Audit for 2007**

Harry Gauthier VE3SXH stated that the audit was in progress.

#### **TNC/Kenwood TM731A**

Al Duncan VE3RRD has nothing further to report on these items. All parts have been received but there is still no antenna and testing has yet to be done.

#### **GOTA**

This is happening this weekend, but no personnel are required.

## **Inventory**

Harry Gauthier VE3SXH told us that he is still in the process of finding some items and he is currently working from old lists which he is trying to update. Pat Barrett VE3RNH mentioned that for insurance purposes it is important to catalogue the value as well as the location of each item. This would also help in producing more accurate financial reports.

## **Hamfest**

Organizational meeting will take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February, 2008. The meeting will include members from Orillia as this will be a combined effort, the same as last year.

## **Contracts for Oro OTH**

Alex McGuire VE3PKA confirmed that these had been completed.

## **Other**

No other old business at this time.

## **New Business**

### **LSR and Ride for Literacy**

LSR repeater is not expected to be up in July, therefore a new repeater must be found in order to conduct this event. A practice run is required to confirm operation prior to the scheduled event.

### **Investigate new location for September's course**

As stated previously, the High School is not fully conducive to the teaching of this course due to the inability to conduct many practical demonstrations. Other locations are currently being looked at, primarily the City Library which might better suit our needs.

## **Other**

### **RAG Repeater**

The repeater is currently in a less than prime location, not only for communications, but also for access. There should be some consideration to having the repeater moved to a new location, the license transferred to another advanced operator and the WYNSORC membership transferred as well.

### **Instructor Plaques**

Al Duncan VE3RRD has produced and issued appreciation plaques for instructors on the current course. These certificates are very nice and we thank him for all the work and thought that went into these lovely mementos.

### **QSO Party**

Some consideration should be given as to where this party will be held this year. Last year the party was held at the marina in Penetanguishene and this site may be available for our use again this year. We are open for any suggestions at this time.

### **Excellence & Achievement Award**

A vote was taken with all attending members of the previous year for nominations for this award. The results were tabulated and it was unanimously in favour of Al Duncan VE3RRD, receiving this award which was presented by Alex McGuire VE3PKA. We congratulate him for all of his dedication and hard work.

### **The Al Lowry Memorial - Friendship in Amateur Radio Award (Elmer Award)**

Rick Allen VA3WSB presented this award to one of our couples who both serve on the Executive, Mary Adams VA3MIZ and Darwin Duckworth VA3DUC. The award was gratefully accepted and appreciated.

**Coffee and Cookie Break & 50/50 Draw** – The winner of the 50/50 Draw during the Coffee and Cookie Break was Harry Gautier VE3SXH who graciously donated it to the Club.

**Presentation** – Al Duncan VE3RRD, NVIS

**Adjournment** – A motion to adjourn the meeting was presented at 2011 hrs by Jack Hartley VE3RDQ and seconded by Dave Wainwright VE3ILA. All in attendance were in favour.

**The meeting was adjourned at 2014 hrs.**

### **List of Upcoming Events**

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

**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