



*Minutes of the 11 Mar 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 1910 hrs by Alex McGuire VE3PKA.

**Introductions**

All those present introduced themselves. There were 20 in attendance.

At this point in the meeting, Alex asked if it would be alright if the presentation was made now, rather than at the end of the meeting.

**Presentation** – Bob Simpson, VE3ODR – Bob gave a very interesting presentation followed by a question and answer period, while also garnering support for the formation of a Simcoe County Amateur Radio Group. Certificates were also given out by Bob in recognition of completion of the SCHREC course.

**Coffee and Cookie Break & 50/50 Draw** – The winner of the 50/50 Draw during the Coffee and Cookie Break was Jim Walsh VA3IOM who received \$12.00.

**Monthly Meeting commenced at 20:45**

**Treasurer's Report**

Rick Allen VA3WSB was unable to attend due to illness, so Alex McGuire VE3PKA presented the Club financial report for February.

## **JOTA**

Tony Gardner spoke about the Scout's participation in this year's JOTA. The Scouts seem to be interested in combining JOTA with their Fall Camp. He expects to have at least 75 people involved in this, perhaps as many as 100 depending on registration. The age group we would be looking at is 11-14 yrs old, but if this is open to Venturers then we may be also looking at 15-17 yr olds. Tony also felt that the Oro Fairgrounds would be the preferred venue for this as it would suit all of their needs especially if this many people are attending. A committee has been set up on their side to help organize this.

Tony also hopes that this type of interaction will allow more of these young people to consider getting involved with Amateur Radio and JOTA appears to be the perfect vehicle for this.

Alex McGuire VE3PKA asked about whether they would be setting up on Friday night or Saturday morning. Tony felt that Saturday would probably be preferable because it would be easier than setting up in the dark on Friday night. He will get back to us on this.

Alex also asked whether the Scouts would be interested in participating in a mock-up emergency exercise. Tony felt that this might indeed be something to look into.

Alex will be in touch with Tony with regards to finalizing plans for JOTA.

## **Hamfest**

Alex McGuire VE3PKA stated that the Hamfest Committee meeting a couple of weeks ago was not well attended. However, what did come out of the meeting is that we are having a letter drafted for handout to sponsors of Hamfest. We are also having a logo developed specifically for Hamfest and after discussion, decided on **Barrie/Orillia Hamfest** for the official logo. The next Hamfest meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm at Greg Howse's (VE3GPH) house on the 7<sup>th</sup> line in Oro.

## **Venue for the next Course**

We are still looking for a new location for this course which should be starting in September. Alex McGuire VE3PKA is asking that if anyone knows of one which would suit our purposes by accommodating approximately 20 people, please contact Al Duncan VE3RRD. Alex would prefer a location, if at all possible, that has a window or door which can open to allow us to run an antenna so that the students might get some hands-on experience.

Alex also mentioned that the Barrie Library has 2 glass display cases just inside the main doors which could be used to effectively display some of our equipment hopefully before the course starts. These are available to rent for a nominal charge or for free if you are a non-profit group. Alex has sent an e-mail to the lady who takes care of these cases and is awaiting a reply.

George Burlison VA3GUL asked if Georgian College might be a possible venue for the course because a group which he belongs to uses this facility one night a week for six weeks at no charge because they are non-profit. He will make some inquiries with regards to this and get back to us.

### **Banners**

At the last Executive meeting it was mentioned that we should purchase some banners to display when we're participating in events so that people know who we are and we could possibly draw attention and interest to ourselves. Alex has priced them out and we would be looking at \$85.00 for a 2' x 8' with lettering but without a logo, or with the logo, add \$45.00. 3' x 8' is \$120.00 with lettering but without the logo or an additional \$35.00 for the logo. Alex also feels that we should have two in order to be visible from two sides whether they were placed on a tent or a fence at the fairgrounds. She asked that all members look at the samples she brought in to decide which would be better for us. Harry Gauthier VE3SXH and Al Duncan VE3RRD felt that in addition to the lettering, the 2 logos might clutter the banner. A vote was taken and 8 were in favour of the logo with 3 against. Approval was needed, because the cost was over \$100.00, and was granted to purchase 2 banners with one logo. A motion was made by George Burlison VA3GUL and seconded by Harry Gauthier VE3SXH. Alex will take care of this.

### **QSO Party**

The QSO party will be held on April 19th at the same Marina in Penetanguishene as last year. George Burlison VA3GUL will arrange this for us and Alex said that it will be discussed further at the April Executive and General meetings. George also made mention of the fact that from a student standpoint, he felt that the QSO party was a huge success. Our visitors this evening from the Orillia club said that they might also be interested in joining us for this event.

Bob Simpson VE3ODR reminded us that Jeffrey Smith who is the Director of the Ontario Cell of RAC will be visiting with us next month.

**Adjournment** – A motion to adjourn the meeting was presented at 2136 hrs by George Burlison VA3GUL and seconded by Dave Wainwright VE3ILA. All in attendance were in favour.

## **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