



*Minutes of the 08 April 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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1909 hrs by Alex McGuire VE3PKA.

Introductions

All those present introduced themselves. There were 33 in attendance.

Treasurer's Report

Rick Allen VA3WSB presented the club financial report for March. Motion to accept by Ted Pino VA3TWP and seconded by George VA3GUL.

Correspondence

No Correspondence at this time.

Committee Reports

RAG – No developments.

Web Page – Harry Gauthier VE3SXH reported that updates have been done as requested and website is up to date.

Ares - Alex McGuire VE3PKA said that a number of people have been kept on alert with regards to the flooding in local areas. Bob Simpson VE3ODR stated that once a day he receives reports on water levels on the Black River and Lake Simcoe and that we have been asked to keep an eye on this and help out where needed.

LSR Update – Len Morris VA3LM told us that 85 is off the air at the moment, but that 1 new 100 watt MSR repeaters have been acquired and they hope that it will all

be up and running on Thursday. The Controllers might not be on them, but we will have the Repeater. Alex McGuire VE3PKA asked about the CTCSS and Len said that there will be tone squelch on both repeaters which means that you'll need to send it and you can decode it which will reduce the amount of interference that you hear on your receivers. It will be tone in and tone out – 156.7.

Banners

Alex McGuire VE3PKA made note of the banners which were hanging in the room during the meeting and commented on the fact that they were readable from a fair distance. The man who produced them also gave us some stickers with our logo on them and these can be used on our correspondence. Alex is looking for tubes 2'6" long in order to roll these banners up for storage. If anyone is able to help, please let us know, otherwise, we'll purchase them. She also sent the information for purchase of these banners to the Orillia Club, as they were also interested.

Old Business

JOTA – Ian Snow VA3QT said there was nothing new to report. He will get in touch with Tony to set up a meeting with regards to this. However, he does feel that it is going to be a great success and also mentioned that he will need more operators to help supervise this event.

Course Venue – Harry Gauthier VE3SXH spoke to Georgian College and there is nothing much available for “no charge”. It's felt that the Library is going to be the best place to hold this at this time. Alex is hoping that by speaking with the City of Barrie, perhaps there may be a room made available to us somewhere.

Celebrate Barrie – Will take place on June 7, 2008. Alex McGuire VE3PKA mentioned that we will be doing displays and she thanked Jack Hartley VE3RDQ for all the work that he has already started as far as material with regards to CanWarn etc.

Ontario QSO Party – April 19 & 20th at Dutchman's Cove Marina in Penetanguishene. Alex mentioned that the Club is going to put \$50.00 into the original purchase of food, however, we would ask that members make a small donation towards these expenses as it would help defray the cost of future events, such as Hamfest, Field Day etc. George Burlison VA3GUL and Cindy Burlison VE3GUL are kind enough to help us out by picking up the food for this event.

New Business

Alex told us that Jack Hartley VE3RDQ and Al Duncan VE3RRD were at the Flea Market and saw some really nice nametags which were available for \$10.00 and would have our logo, name, call sign and club identification on them. Anyone interested can speak to Jack and he will order them.

Just before the break, Bob mentioned that he had a bag full of clip-on ferrets to help with cutting down on interference, which were available to anyone who would like them. He also asked if anyone were interfacing a radio to a computer because he has plans and boards for building a box which would cost approximately \$240.00 from Icon or you could build it yourself for about \$10.00. Al Duncan VE3RRD will put this information on the website for anyone interested.

Coffee and Cookie Break & 50/50 Draw – The winner of the 50/50 Draw during the Coffee and Cookie Break was Pat Murphy VA3PHY who received \$25.00.

Guest Speaker – Bob Simpson VE3ODR introduced Geoffrey Smith VA3GS from RAC who gave a very interesting talk about Antennas and the guidelines and rules for erecting them.

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

Adjournment – Alex thanks the guest speaker and guests. A motion to adjourn the meeting was presented at 2046 hrs by Pat Barrett VE3RNH and seconded by Rick Allen VA3WSB. 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 07, 2008 at Centennial Park Barrie

Field Day – June 28 & 29, 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