



*Minutes of the 10 Jun 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 1908 hrs by Alex McGuire VE3PKA.

Introductions

All those present introduced themselves. There were 21 in attendance.

Treasurer's Report

Rick Allen VA3WSB presented the club financial report for May. Motion to accept by Ted Pino VA3TWP and seconded by Dave Wainwright VE3ILA.

Safety Deposit Box

Alex McGuire VE3PKA requested approval for the bank to open the safety deposit box as the key has been lost for some time now. The vote was unanimous to have the box opened.

Committee Reports

RAG – No developments.

LSR Update – Ian Snow VA3QT, who is also the LSR Secretary, stated that LSR now has a new home in a bunker owned by Point-to-Point and has entered into an agreement with that company for the use of the facility. Some preparation work has been completed but volunteers would be appreciated for the completion of remaining tasks. Annual rent would be \$250 to start, which is more than the previous facility but should be manageable. This facility, at around 400 sq ft, is more

than double the size of the previous site. It is hoped that the move will be completed by the end of the summer so the previous site will be completely vacated by the end of October when the old lease is finished.

Membership – Alex McGuire proposed that a list of paid up members be posted at each general meeting. This would act as a reminder to those who are not paid up for the current year, and as a checklist of eligible members when topics arise which require a vote. Alex also noted that there was still some discrepancy as to the actual status of some of the Hams on our files. Alex will sit with Darwin Duckworth VA3DUC to review the files in hope of clearing these up to provide a more accurate view of all past/present members. Alex read a list of all current members and reminded all present that Darwin was responsible for all matters concerning membership.

Insurance (Lloyds vs RAC)

As the club insurance was quickly coming due for renewal, Alex McGuire requested that Al Duncan VE3RRD and Jack Hartley VE3RDQ present a report on the comparison of the two insurance providers so a vote could be taken at this meeting to determine which policy the club should choose. Their findings were as follows:

- Lloyds
 - cost was approx \$400 per year,
 - provided \$2 million liability coverage and
 - coverage for items stolen/damaged
- RAC
 - cost approx \$250 per year but reduced this rate if the club members were also members of RAC (the higher the percentage of RAC members, the greater the rate reduction),
 - provided \$5 million liability coverage, but
 - did not offer coverage for stolen/damaged equipment

Both Al and Jack suggested that the RAC policy would be the wisest choice citing the following observations:

- The policy was cheaper even without the discount
- It provided more liability insurance in a time when \$2 million is considered marginal
- All equipment currently held by the club is probably worth less than the cost of the deductible. Also many items are held at the residences of several members and would likely be covered by their home insurance.

Alex McGuire put the matter to a vote and it was unanimously in favour of the RAC insurance.

Name Tags

Al Duncan VE3RRD distributed the first batch of the new plastic name tags. These were well received and others expressed an interest in getting one. Alex reminded all that they should place their orders with Al and that they would cost \$10 each. Al

stated that the turn-around was approx 3-4 days so they could easily be ready for field day, if desired.

Celebrate Barrie Recap

Alex McGuire VE3PKA said that the event was well attended. Among the visitors were a Ham and a few potentials. However, it was found that the tent was too small to accommodate all of the displays while still leaving room for people to circulate. The display also failed to attract as many of the younger aged people as might be hoped. Jack Hartley VE3RDQ suggested, for the future, that we secure a larger tent and possibly a location more conducive to attracting our target population. He suggested that collocation with some of the emergency services (fire, police) would attract more people and provide us with an opportunity to demonstrate our interoperability with these services. Mary Adams VA3MIZ suggested that we also have Hams using their radios as this often prompts people to ask questions, thus giving us reason to direct them to the tent.

QSO Contest

This final results are in and BARC place 3rd overall in multi/multi cat with 45,000+ points.

Ride for Literacy

Rick Allen VA3WSB reminded all that this event would be on 19 July and that the next meeting would be 8 July. The event would start at 1030 hrs and would go no later than 1500 hrs. The route would be reverse to that in previous years. Alex McGuire stated that route would have to be reviewed as there are likely some radio dead-zones that would have to be resolved.

Club Shirts

Alex McGuire stated that she had ordered the latest batch of club shirts for those who wanted one. She also ordered a few extra in case some people were missed. The cost would be \$27.25 plus tax. This price included the regular club embroidery on the front and the personal call sign on the sleeve.

Old Business

None

New Business

Ian Snow VA3QT reminded all of the need for volunteers to help with the LSR move.

Coffee and Cake Break – 19:54hrs

Field Day Discussion

Instead of a guest speaker, the remaining time for this meeting was spent in discussion and planning for the upcoming field day. One point worth mentioning was the

need for gas to run the generators. Mary Adams VA3MIZ made a motion that the club provide sufficient funds to pay for all of the gas required. This was seconded by Jim Collins VE3LIC and unanimously passed.

50/50 & Gift Draw

The winner of the draw was Harvey Taylor who became \$12.50 richer.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was presented at 20:40hrs by Frank Best VE3FWB and seconded by Jim Collins VE3LIC. All in attendance were in favour.

List of Upcoming Events

Fox Hunts (hidden transmitter hunts) – on hold until further notice
Field Day – June 28 & 29, 2008 at Oro Fair Grounds
Ride for Literacy – July 19, 2008 - 5 checkpoints around Lake Simcoe
Heritage Day – August 9, 2008 at Oro Fair Grounds
Hamfest – September 6, 2008 at Oro Fair Grounds
Oro World Fair – September 13/14, 2008 at Oro Fair Grounds
JOTA – October 18/19, 2008
Walk for Dog Guides – May 2009 at Centennial Park Barrie
Celebrate Barrie – June 2009 at Centennial Park Barrie

Volunteers are needed for all the above events