



*Minutes of the 05 August 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 1904 hrs by Alex McGuire VE3PKA.

Introductions

All those present introduced themselves. There were 14 in attendance.

Treasurer's Report

Rick Allen VA3WSB presented the club financial report for June. Motion to accept by Mary Adams VA3MIZ and seconded by Ken Gittings VA3KDG.

Correspondence - No correspondence at this time.

Committee Reports

ARES – Ian Snow VA3QT reported that this exercise will take place on Sat. September 13, 2008. Start time for this event will be 6:30 – 7 am in Alliston and should be finished sometime after lunch. We have been formally asked by Simcoe County to operate from Simcoe Manor in Beeton and also from the incident scene. Ian, Jack Hartley VE3RDQ and Al Duncan VE3RRD have already been down there and have done a propagation study at Simcoe Manor which was successful. Ian is looking for volunteers to come out this Thursday, August 14th at 7pm to Sunnidale Park for a trial run.

LSR Update – Ian Snow VA3QT told us that the 3 voice repeaters are working well. The new Linux PC was installed this morning and it's

coming along fine. We also have a WinLink 2000 gateway which went on the air last week and it's dedicated on the 145.710 frequency and a second gateway available on one of the user networks 145.07 or 445.950. Still some to do, but everything is progressing well.

RAG – Nothing to report.

Ride for Literacy - Alex McGuire VE3PKA thanked everyone for their participation in this event.

Heritage Day – It was a very rainy day, but all went well and Alex McGuire VE3PKA thanked everyone for their participation here also.

Hamfest - Alex McGuire VE3PKA reported that the value of the superprizes has been increased and include a dual band handheld, a mobile, a handheld and one hundred dollar gift certificates from Durham Radio which will be included in a draw with tickets for sale for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. You don't have to be there, if your name is drawn, you'll be contacted. All of these prizes have been purchased and picked up already.

We do need volunteers to set up on Friday (Sept. 5) night and to help out on Saturday (Sept. 6) because there will be a lot to be done. Please let Alex know if you're able to attend.

JOTA - Alex McGuire VE3PKA has made arrangements for this event to be held at the Oro Fairgrounds on the 3rd weekend in October. We are still anticipating that there will be approximately 100 – 110 scouts attending along with their leaders which should number 20 - 25. We need as many volunteers as we can get for this two day event because of the amount of work involved with set-up and activities. Food will be available.

Amateur Radio Course

Alex McGuire VE3PKA told us that we still don't have a venue at this point but that it will be held on October 2nd. Harvey Taylor said that he'll speak to the people at St. John Ambulance about the possibility of the use of a room there and Rick Allen VA3WSB will also speak to the people at his church regarding the same.

Insurance Update

Alex McGuire VE3PKA said that letters are still being received with regards to our former insurance policy, looking for their premiums. There was some mix-up concerning notification not being sent out to them. Mary Adams VA3MIZ will write a letter immediately and send it out to them.

Old Business

Signing Powers -Alex McGuire VE3PKA will now have signing power and this will be taken care of immediately with a letter being forwarded to the bank.

New Business – No new business at this time.

Adjournment

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 1950 with a motion by Ted Pino VA3TWP and seconded by Rick Allen VA3WSB. All in attendance were in favour.

Coffee and Cake Break/ 50/50 draw –

Carl Hayes VA3CLH was the winner of the 50/50 draw and he took home \$8.00.

Guest Speaker

Ian Snow VA3QT gave a very informative talk on “What exactly is ARES and what is the relationship between it and the club?”.

A Special Thanks

Thanks to Carl Hayes VA3CLH who brought in an album of old club pictures to pass around. We all enjoyed the nostalgia very, very much!

List of Upcoming Events

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

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