



*Minutes of the 14 October 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 1911 hrs by Alex McGuire VE3PKA.

Introductions

All those present introduced themselves. There were 16 in attendance.

Treasurer's Report

Rick Allen VA3WSB presented the club financial report for September. Motion to accept from Al Duncan VE3RRD and seconded by George Burlison VA3GUL.

Committee Reports

RAG (Al Duncan VE3RRD) Ready to go except that it still needs a computer controller connected. There will be some growing pains as they have never connected this type of controller but there is a manual. Estimated time is at least one more week.

LSR Update (Bob Simpson VE3ODR) The last of the tower was taken down two weeks ago. The hut is still there if someone wants to take it and perhaps use it as a garden shed. All of the equipment has now been moved to the Point-to-Point tower in Edgar.

Membership (Darwin Duckworth VA3DUC) We currently have 32 voting members. The final list has been passed on to Jack Hartley VE3RDQ to inform the members of the upcoming election at the next General meeting.

ARES (Dave Wainwright VE3ILA) Nothing to report from Dave, but Pat Barrett VE3RNH, for reasons of administration and insurance, raised the question of whether ARES is a sub-group of BARC or is it an entity unto itself. A vote was taken and all BARC members present agreed that ARES could fall under the umbrella of BARC.

HF (Al Duncan VE3RRD) Sunspot activity was up to 71 and 10 & 17 metres were wide open and he was able to make contacts as far down as Guantanamo Bay.

Course (Al Duncan VE3RRD) 8 people showed interest in taking the course, however only 2 have confirmed. The course will start October 23rd and run every Thursday evening from 6:30 or 7 until 9pm and will be held at the Red Cross, 14 High St., Barrie. The room has been booked until the 18th of December and we are still waiting for confirmation for the remainder of the course during the winter of 2009.

Media Liason George Burlison VA3GUL volunteered to take on this appointment, but will need help with understanding ARES etc..

November Social (Rick Allen VE3WSB) The Social will be held on Friday November 7th at 7 pm at the MarketPlace Buffet at Veteran's Drive and Mapleview. The price will be \$15.99 per person, plus beverages, taxes and gratuities. Please contact Rick at 726-2456 by October 29th if interested in attending.

Election Committee (Alex McGuire VE3PKA) The question was raised as to whether lapsed members are allowed to pay on the night of elections. The answer was that they would NOT be allowed and therefore would not have the right to vote in this particular election. As stated previously, there are currently 32 voting members, the list of which has been passed to Jack Hartley VE3RDQ, to be contacted and informed of the upcoming election at the next General meeting.

A Scrutineer will be needed for the day of elections, if interested, please contact Alex.

JOTA/JOTI (Ian Snow VA3QT) A request was made for HT's to assist with the foxhunts. Otherwise, everything seems to be covered.

Old Business No old business.

New Business

Joint Callsign (Alex McGuire VE3PKA) At the last few joint events with Orillia, there has been some concern from them about having to use the VE3GCB callsign. Alex

suggested that we petition for a joint callsign when BARC and Orillia work together. Bob Simpson VE3ODR also suggested that we attempt to get the RAC callsign for special events. An official vote was not taken, but all present were generally in favour and the issue will be addressed at a future time.

By-law Review (Alex McGuire VE3PKA) At the last Executive meeting it was noted that many of the By-laws require a review and possible a revision. Pat Barrett VE3RNH will be heading up the committee and will be assisted by Bill Manning VE3GWM and Harry Gauthier VE3SXH. They will be making recommendations for changes at a General meeting, no sooner than January 2009.

Life Memberships Al Duncan VE3RRD asked about Life Memberships. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the issue of whether or not Life Memberships should even be offered will be dealt with after a review from the By-law Committee and their recommendations.

Donation to LSR Jack Hartley VE3RDQ presented a motion to donate \$150.00 in support of LSR. The motion was seconded by Ted Pino VA3TWP and passed by all present.

Coffee break/50/50 draw

Dave Wainwright VE3ILA won \$16.00, but donated \$12.50 back to the club. Thanks, Dave.

Guest Speaker

Bob Simpson VE3ODR presented an update and a briefing on the direction of LSR. He also asked that if anyone had any ideas on how to make the hobby more interesting and appealing to others, especially young people, please get in touch with him.

The meeting adjourned at 21:28 with a motion by Pat Barrett VE3RNH and seconded by Dave Wainwright VE3ILA.

List of Upcoming Events

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

JOTA – October 18/19, 2008 (Waiting for more info on this.)

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