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The meeting was attended by the following: Gene...ve3ijd Percy...va3bbd Bert...va3aeg Norm...ve3nbj Bernie...ve3bqm Gary...va3fv Jon...va3cic Deiter...va3dst Jim...va3cjm Tom...ve3tsa Henry...ve3uwd Rob...va3rwm Norm...ve3mtv Mike...ve3mxm The meeting was opened by Gene ve3ijd with a roll call and some conversations with the check-ins.

The minutes of the January meeting were read by Norm ve3nbj and moved for acceptance. Seconded by Bert va3aeg and passed.

Gene asked if Bernie could report on his findings related to the January motion to change the time of the 146.940/895 repeaters to UTC time. Bernie informed the group that he had reviewed the software for the repeater system and found the software operates using a 24 hour clock but the voice will only announce in 12 hour clock format. Gene asked Jon va3cic and Deiter va3dst if this information assisted them on their motion. Both Jon and Deiter indicated they would withdraw their motion and thanked Bernie for looking into this motion.

Bernie gave a treasurers report indicating that an additional membership payment had been received in January. As well, the club had received a payment from Zehrs for reimbursement of the Zehrs tapes that the membership and others had placed in the donation bin at the Owen Sound store. Gene indicated that the tapes submitted had accumulated to an amount of \$51,486.83 and wanted to thank the members for their effort to achieve this total. Gene and Bernie indicated that Susan ve3tlk had done an outstanding job of organizing and tallying these sales slips for submission on behalf of the club.

Gene reported on the Special Olympics that took place at the beginning of the month. The volunteer's were ve3ijd, va3mum, va3cjm, va3cic, ve3tlk, ve3lkd and ve3suy. The group found it a very enjoyable event with good support from the sponsors.

A commercial communications system was used that reduced the need for the Goring Repeater and there were few issues other than an antenna problem that required repair. Jon va3cic reported that it was a great experience and that he had forwarded letters to the Sun Times newspaper and to Base Commander Wadsworth indicating that they had been well accommodated during their stay. Jim va3cjm indicated that other than poor weather at times that the events went very well and were well organized. A wrap-up party for the volunteers was attended by the volunteers.

Gene gave a report on the Girl Guides on the Air (GOTA) event that was to occur February 17th and 18th. Due to circumstances the event was not attended by the club. The organizers were contacted approximately 3 weeks in advance of the event but details of club requirements could not be determined.

Tom ve3tsa indicated that he has received one request for a license course and there has been one other request

for a course. Tom requires a club member to take the lead of organizing any course that the club may offer. Typically the course runs for 8 weeks but the teaching is shared amongst various individuals. Tom indicated that the manuals he has allows anyone to teach a portion of the course as they are well written and easy format to administer. Bernie asked if any other regional clubs having courses and it appears that most clubs are not planning courses this year. Percy va3bbd is checking with Collingwood to see what courses they may be offering and will report back. Percy asked the group if prospective students or newly licensed hams can contact members either via email or phone if they need assistance. The group was in general agreement that this can be done and should be encouraged.

Norm ve3nbj indicated that the minutes of the meetings are now being posted on the GBARC Yahoo group site. The minutes can be found under the Files section of the site. Minutes will continue to be emailed out to the group but are on the Yahoo site when required by a member.

Gene indicated that this years Field Day event will be held at the home of Dan Caldwell. Dan's home is located in much the same area as Gene's home and further information on location will be posted. Details are still being worked out and there will be a information package sent out once they are completed.

Gene asked the group for a vote on the location of the March meeting being a "On-Air" meeting and this passed. The next meeting will take place using the 146.940/895 repeaters on Tuesday March 27th,2007 at 7 P.M.

Motion to close the meeting moved by Gene ve3idj and seconded by Bernie ve3bqm