



Minutes of the GBARC meeting of November 25th, 2008

GBARC General Meeting November 25,2008 Owen Sound

President Dan VE3CLD opened the meeting with a roll call at 19:00 hrs. Present were Secretary Gene VE3IJD, Treasurer Bernie VE3BQM, Dieter VA3DST, Bob VE3NX, Jim VA3CJM, Fred VA3STG, Adam VE3IZS, Ron VE3UC and Spencer VA3PVT.

Secretary's Report Gene read, then moved the adoption of the minutes from the October 28th meeting. Seconded by Jim VA3CJM carried.

Treasurer's Report Bernie read, then moved the adoption of his report with our bank balance of \$2402.20. Seconded by Adam VE3IZS carried.

Old Business Dan reported on the 895 repeater having reverted to it's old commercial frequencies and it is now repaired.

Adam gave a report on the OwenSound Kiwanis Santa Claus parade .We had lots of help and the club feels we are truly needed by the organizers to assist with parade management and organization on parade day especially before it starts moving.

Club gatherings for Saturday morning breakfast is now being held at Kettles Restaurant that is located between Rockford and Chatsworth on highways 6 & 10 around 8 – 9 am.

Bob reported on the organizing of the OwenSound fly-in / drive-in taking place on June 7,09. There's a chance that the Gold Wing Ontario Chapter may attend. More to follow as the date nears.

New Business The Amateur of the Year Award presentation was brought up and Dan will email a form to all to get advanced nominations so that some who don't go to the dinner will have a say in nominations. We also have a draw for either a GBARC or RAC membership at the dinner for those present.

Dan has the packet station up and running an internet gateway at his home. It's on a Unix server and someday he hopes to set up a BBS .

A tone of 156.7 is being applied to all of our area repeaters to cut down on interference as of Nov. 26/08. A repeater link to 146.82 in Port Elgin is now up and running with a 442.350 backbone to OwenSound. Motion By Dan VE3CLD to purchase a new digital voice recorder for VE3OSR so messages can be made up much easier than programming the controller. Seconded by Spencer VA3PVT, carried Dan then gave a nice presentation on PLL and DDS systems and the reasons behind some radios not displaying the correct frequencies.

There was a good round table on when each of those present got into ham radio and their favourite rig over the years. A mention of the VHF contest that's coming up on January 9,09.

Motion to Adjourn by Bernie VE3BQM

Minutes by Secretary Gene McDonald VE3IJD