



Minutes of the GBARC meeting of April 29th, 2009

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President Dan VE3CLD called the meeting to order at 19:00 hrs with 15 members and guests present. Everyone introduced themselves with name and callsign and home QTH.

Secretary's report

Secretary Gene VE3IJD read then moved the minutes of the March meeting, seconded by Jon VA3CIC, carried

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Bernie reported that we have a bank balance of \$3037.90 with no outstanding bills. Bob, VE3LKD moved adoption of the minutes, seconded by Jim, VA3CJM, carried

Old Business

Dan attended the airport meeting and volunteered about 10 hams to help with communications.

Gene then told the group that Bob VE3NX had contacted him and advised that the airport committee was looking for volunteers to help with parking of cars. After much discussion the group decided they would help with communications if required and would pass on the parking of vehicles. Gene will let Bob know ASAP.

Mount Forest Repeater

Dan has the new repeater up and running. Once the antenna at Rockford is oriented it will become part of the link into the 94 system. The frequency of Mt. Forest is 147.165 +

MS Walk

Bob Droine reported that the walk of which ARES and GBARC members supplied communications for raised over \$40,000 with an estimated \$15,000 yet to come in...he reported no emergencies took place and thanked those who helped out. In attendance were Brad VE3RHJ, Bob VE3LKD, Jon VA3CIC John VE3PKI, Fred VA3STG, Gene VE3IJD.

2009 Ham Course

Dan reported that there were 13 people complete the latest Amateur Radio Course. They are now waiting to see if the call signs they picked will be issued to them.

Flower Pot Island

Bernie VE3BQM explained the idea behind FPI to the group. There will be an organizer meeting possibly late in May or June.

New Business

The Collingwood group will be attending the next meeting and Dan has a FOX hunt ready to go. The groups will start out from the meeting hall at 19:00 hrs and try to be the first group to locate the transmitter planted somewhere in or around Owen Sound. Searchers will travel 2 per vehicle. Bring a handheld with a good directional antenna. Adam, VE3IZS brought and demonstrated a homebrew 3 element beam made out of an old measuring tape.

Motion by Dan VE3CLD

that the club purchase 2 \$100 vouchers from Radio World to serve as prizes for the fox hunt, seconded by Fred VA3STG carried.

Tone on Repeaters

Tom VA3TS noted that now that all of the repeaters have tone, many hams have good old radios that don't have tone boards in them. Dan has a small supply of tiny boards that may fit inside the rigs..see Dan for details if you need one.

ARES

Bob VE3LKD gave a rundown on upcoming events for the ARES Group. The next meeting is May 13,09, and at the June meeting they are having a guest speaker that will outline the new open source street mapping project. They are still looking for help for the May 7 th event taking place in Port Elgin at the Plex, if you have any questions about any ARES events contact Bob VE3LKD or subscribe to the ARES Yahoo server that will email you about events.

Canwarn Training

There are still some spots open for training to take place April 29,2009 at Markdale. Contact Brad, VE3RHJ for details.

Breakfast

The group is going to try the newly opened Empty Bellies?? in Rockford. Arrive anytime between 8 and 9 am. (I like 08:30)

Area Frequencies

New ham Will (no Call yet) asked about the web page and local repeater frequencies and Dan told the group that all information is located under the repeater name on the web pages.

IRLP

Short discussion about codes and access to the system. Bob VE3NX is working on the old OwenSound node.

Safety Vests

Fred showed the group his safety vest, cost was \$39.95 and he can pick up some more for interested people. Let him know ASAP as he's heading to the northern location soon.

Field Day

Field Day 2009 will be held at Fred's VA3STG place this year in Teeswater. Dan gave an overview of field day to the new members present. Tom VA3TS sent in last years totals and the Club did pretty good.

HF DX

Dan reported working a lot of mobile HF last week. Seems like the bands become active then die off again...we are all waiting for the new cycle to fire up.

50/50

Jim VA3CJM split \$20 with the club on the 50/50 draw.

Next Meeting

The next GBARC Meeting will be held May 26th,2009 at the McIntee Building on 9th Ave. OwenSound. Remember that it will be the FOX hunt and Collingwood members will be attending.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by Jon VA3CIC, sec. by Tom VA3TS

Minutes by Gene McDonald VE3IJD