



Minutes of the GBARC meeting of March 24th, 2009

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The regular meeting of GBARC was held at the McIntee Building on 9th Ave. , Owen Sound. President Dan, VE3CLD called the meeting to order at 19:10 with 13 members and guests present. Guest Tim Schmidt who will be taking the upcoming course was present.

Secretary's report

Secretary Gene, VE3IJD read the minutes from the February meeting. These were moved for adoption by Bernie, VE3BQM and seconded by Fred, VA3STG. Carried

Treasurer's Report

Bernie reported that we have \$2747.90 in our account with no outstanding receipts. Motion to adopt the report as read by Bob, VE3LKD and seconded by Jon, VA3CIC carried.

Old Business

Flower Pot Island is a go, Bernie wants to set up a meeting for those who showed interest in going to do a bit of organizing. The Zodiac boat ride is approximately \$40 per person and the other expenses will include food and a donation to the Island caretakers.

Owen Sound Flyin

There will be a general organizers meeting on March 30/2009 and our club has been invited to attend.

Radio Course

A radio course will be put on again this year by GBARC. This year it will be held in Owen Sound at the OSCVI school on 8th Ave. The date will be April 11 and April 25/2009. The time will be 08:00 to 16:00 in the Tim Eaton Room at the school. We are still looking for volunteers to help with teaching and other administrative duties.

New Business

Gene brought up a topic pertaining to our dues structure and the amount of monies we usually have sitting in our bank account. Some ideas were tossed about as to how we can better put this surplus to use.

Bob, VE3LKD perhaps prizes for those who show up at club functions such as Terry Fox Run, Santa Claus Parade to stimulate participation

Bernie, VE3BQM suggested a life membership or a two year membership instead of one for the same money.

Dan, VE3CLD advised the group that thought had been put into this years Christmas party and that we would rent a hall and do our own cooking and the club pick up the evenings tab

More discussion followed and follow-up will take place at another meeting.

2009 Field Day

This years gathering will take place at the home of Daphne, VA3DFL and Fred Lorch, VA3STG'S QTH in Teeswater. The date is June 27,28/2009.

Canwarn training will take place on April 29/2009 in Markdale. Please let Brad, VE3RHJ know ahead of time if you are interested in attending.

A group from Collingwood are hoping to attend our May 26/2009 meeting. The group is led by Arnold VA3AYG.

Discussion took place about a new repeater in Mount Forest that Dan, VE3CLD is spear heading. Bernie made a motion to send a donation in memory of Tess Hardy ,VE3HIR and Phil Butler, VA3AQC, seconded by Gary, VA3FV carried

Dan, VE3CLD made a motion to cover future donations so that the GBARC treasurer can automatically send a donation instead of flowers. Seconded by Gary, VA3FV, carried. Bernie will send memory donations for Tess Hardy, VE3HIR and Phil Butler VA3AQC .

ARES Report...Bob Droine

The Grey County Building on 9th Ave. Owen Sound is now equipped with a 2 metre radio and antenna system for use in emergencies.

Help is required for the MS walk taking place at the Timothy Christian School on Sound April 19/2009 from 09:00 to about 13:00

There will be an emergency display taking place at the Plex in Port Elgin on Thursday May 7,2009 from 10:00 to 19:00 hours. The even will focus on grades 5 through 7. Any help would be appreciated.

ARES has a new AEC co-ordinator for Grey County...it's Jon, VA3CIC..CONGRAT'S !

ARES is still looking for a Net Manager and a Bulletin Station Manager. Talk to bob, VE3LKD if interested.

The next meeting of ARES will take place on April 8/2009 and the location has yet to be announced. It may be in Durham to show the group that area's emergency system.

The June meeting will be held at the home of Jon, VA3CIC and a barbeque will be held at 18:00 hours. Jon's home is on the Derry Line or Grey road 18,,look for number 103777 on the north side of the road.

Brampton Flea market is the coming Saturday, March 28/2009 and a few members are heading there.

The group then discussed various topics including Amplifiers, News Letters, Repeaters and voice levels and club inventory of equipment.

Motion to adjourn by Bernie, VE3BQM

Next meeting is April 28/2009

Minutes by Gene, VE3IJD