



Minutes of the GBARC meeting of February 22nd, 2011

GBARC GENERAL MEETING 22 FEB 2011,

Chaired by Malen VA3VID (President) with 8 members total present.

Minutes were read by Malen from the previous meeting and Tom VA3TS moved that they be adopted, seconded by Dan CLD.

No Secretary's report as Gene IJD was away;

No Treasurer's report as Bernie BQM is with Gene;

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ont QSO Party

- a. Mark FIN indicated that he will host the Club at his QTH again.
- b. 2 HF Stations along with VHF, 160,80,40,10,15, and 20 metres along with VHF;
- c. Tom TS will put up on the GBARC website a sign up log like last year; and
- d. 1400 (local) Sat to 1400 (local) Sunday 16-17 April 2011.

2. Net Control

- a. John CIC brought up the lack of members volunteering to be net control for the 2 weekly nets;
- b. During the meeting 6 members indicated that they would be willing to be net control in the near future;
- c. Malen indicated that he would send an e-mail out looking for volunteers as well;
- d. Dan CLD indicated that for a few years there was no weekly nets;
- e. There was a short discussion regarding the type of nets, it was decided to keep the 80 metre net with a central controller while the 2 metre net may have a round table style of net, just to keep things interesting;
- f. Mark FIN relay the freq / tone for Parry Sound ARC Freq 145.490, tone 103.5 Fridays 1930 hours (local)

3. Cabot Head Lighthouse

- a. Dan CLD volunteered to contact Parks Canada regarding authority to use the site;
- b. It would be in Aug 2011.

4. Weather Balloon

- a. Dan CLD indicated that the actual cost would not be that high and showed a few websites with equipment;
- b. It was discussed the possibility of having a 2 metre SSTV transmitter as well so anyone interested can receive pictures;
- c. Dan also volunteered to present more info about SSTV at the next club meeting; and
- d. Mark FIN stated the easiest program for SSTV is MMSSTV which is free for downloading.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Basic Course

- a. Malen indicated that he would like to conduct a basic Course in the early May timeframe; and
- b. There is 1 person who have shown interest on the website, Malen knows of a few as well.

Tex motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mark seconded.

Afterwards Mark FIN gave a very interesting presentation on his solar panel system with many detailed pictures.