



Minutes of the GBARC meeting of January 25th, 2011

GBARC General Meeting January 25, 2011

President Malen VA3VID introduced himself as the newly elected President with 15 members present. The meeting was held at the McIntee Building in OwenSound.

There wasn't a Secretary's Report as there hadn't been a business meeting prior.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bernie VE3BQM read his report and moved that 3 bills be paid. These were the postal box, Ram Trophies and the GBARC web page space.

Seconded by Bob VE3LKD carried. Our bank balance is now \$1686.95 plus new memberships that came in tonight. A discussion followed about the need for the postal box but Bernie and others supported the single point of contact for the club.

Motion by Bob Droine VE3LKD to approve the Treasurer's Report, sec by Tex Brown VE3USI carried

Old Business

None

New Business

President Malen asked the group to come up with ideas for presentations at the end of meetings. Many of the members have interesting jobs etc and he feels this could be shared with the rest.

Other small projects included a contest format for projects, PIC electronics projects.

Vice President Dan VE3CLD suggested the Club put together a small ballon and equip it with video and APRS detection.

Bernie mentioned that the Echo Link computer needs to be replaced. He has the parts and wants someone with the time to assemble it.

Jon VA3CIC moved that we table the projects talk until another meeting, seconded by Adam VE3IZS

Mark VA3FIN hosted the Ontario QSO party station last year and may do it again this year, April 20, 2011. He will get back to Malen in a week or so to firm up the commitment.

Field Day this year will be at the home of Bob VE3NX and Toni Vary. Bob lives near Woodford between OwenSound and Meaford.

Discussion insued about Flower Pot Island. Due to lack of interest Bernie did not renew our reservation with the hosts.

Instead the Club may try and put together a weekend at Cabot Head for the Light House seekers weekend.

ARES

Bob VE3LKD spoke about ARES and the cancellation of the winter meetings in Grey however Bruce County has had a couple of organizational meetings. Fred, VA3STG also attended the meeting. They are going to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The ARES Bruce Meeting was held in Port Elgin at Legault's Independent Grocer in their conference room. It is a very nice meeting place, and we also get it for free.

Motion by Tex that the Club renew Bob Vary as the designated examiner for another year, seconded by Fred, VA3STG carried

Gene VE3IJD told the group that he had received an email from Wiarnton Airport wanting to know if the Club still required the small space there where in the past we had a repeater. The antenna is still on top of the 80 foot platform tower and we can use it for APRS if needed. We may require insurance and since the Club has dropped it we may not be able to lease the space. Gene answered the email saying that yes we are interested unless the insurance is required and then we won't be. Our RAC insurance quote was close to \$500 per year.

Jon, VA3CIC brought to our attention a topic that was discussed on the Tuesday night net about scheduling Net Controllers and posting on the web page that Tom VA3TS masters. Sometimes in the past someone is scheduled to control and they don't show up at net time. We will schedule ourselves in from now on and if no one is scheduled someone else will pick it up.

Malen asked the group to make sure they check the web page members area and update their email address.

Gene has been in contact with the owner of a tower a Whitechurch and using space there for APRS...Nothing has been heard back since.

Bob VE3NX gave out a Web page for callsign lookup www.callsign.ca

Motion to Adjourn the meeting by Dieter VA3DST seconded by Mary Va3ILT

Our meeting was broadcast over the internet using justintv.com....a discussion took place after the meeting

50/50 draw won by Gene VE3IJD . He split \$18 with the Club



