



# Minutes of the GBARC meeting of October 26th 2011

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The meeting was brought to order by Malen VA3VID at 7pm.

**Attendance:** VA3VID, VE3BQM, VA3CIC, VA3TS, VA3FIN, VE3NX, VE3IZS, VE3IJD, VE3BWZ, VE3DST, and 1 guest VE3VEX Jim from Markdale

#### Secretaries report:

The minutes of the August meeting were read by Secretary Tom VA3TS.  
Motion to accept by Gen VE3IJD and seconded by Bob VE3NX ,Carried.

#### Treasurers Report:

Bernie BQM read his report and with all receipts in, the club has \$1323.89.  
Motion to accept by Adan VE3IZS, seconded by Bob VE3NX ,Carried.

### Old Business:

#### Distracted Driving Legislation:

The group present engaged in a discussion about the current status of the submission to Bill Unger VE3XT. As Bob VE3LKD was not present the president Malen VA3VID will contact Bob for the current state of our submission. Jon VA3CIC will also contact Bill Unger VE3XT as to the state of the submission from RAC.

#### Cabot Head

The topic of the \$100 donation to the Friends of Cabot Head was raised. Our President will include a thank you letter to accompany the cheque.

#### Christmas Dinner:

The Christmas dinner will be held on the 10th of December at the Chatsworth Firehall. Check the website for details and also let Bob VE3NX know if you will be attending.

### New Business:

#### Meeting Presentations:

Malen VA3VID will deliver a presentation at our next meeting on knots and rope work.

#### Echolink:

Bernie VE3BQM informed the group that Bob VE3LKD is refurbishing the echolink computer and as such it will be unavailable for use for the time being.

#### Santa Claus Parade:

The Santa Claus Parade will be on November 19th and as usual we will meet in the LCBO parking lot at 9am. Send an email to the gbarc webmaster who is keeping a list of who will be attending. gbarc.owen.sound@gmail.com

#### On-the-Air-meetings:

It was asked if there were to be meetings in January and February. The group agreed that if the weather did not permit then we would meet on the air. Malen VA3VID will send an email to this effect just like he does now to announce upcoming meetings.

**Amateur of the Year:**

This year the amateur of the year will be VE3TLK Susan Webster who has recently moved to Brampton but nonetheless deserves recognition for her efforts over the years to support the club. She singlehandedly organized the Zehrs tapes as a donation to the club, many thanks and congratulations.

**Club Repeaters:**

Bob reports that the link transceiver in Paisley has been installed and is working as required. A discussion followed with regards to the proposed voting system, and an explanation of the various details by Bob VE3NX. The question was raised as to what we would do if the new system transition was not smooth and we were without a repeater in the area. As a result a motion was raised by Bob VE3NX that the new system have an operating frequency of 146.895- with the same tones to allow some flexibility in this project (to allow both systems to be in use at the same time), seconded by Mark VA3FIN, Carried. Bob gave an explanation of the equipment we currently have and what we will need to construct our new system. A motion was raised by Bernie VE3BQM to trade our existing surplus equipment to acquire the equipment we need for the project, seconded by Mark VA3FIN, Carried.

**Motion to adjourn:** by Fred VA3STG , seconded by Daphne VA3DFL at 8:45pm