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The meeting was brought to order by Malen VA3VID at 7:00pm.

Attendance: VA3VID, VA3TS, VE3BQM, VE3NX, VE3IZS, VA3BWZ, VA3DST, VA3CJM, VE3IJD, VE3LKD AND VA3OCT AND GUEST Greg VE3NXB.

Secretaries report:

The minutes of the March meeting were read by Secretary Tom VA3TS. A small correction to the date of the 100km Trek was pointed out.

Motion to accept by Bernie VE3BQM and seconded by Bob VE3NX, Carried.

Treasurers Report:

Bernie VE3BQM presented the treasurers report with an account balance of \$1022.03.

Motion to accept by Bob VE3LKD and seconded by Jim VA3CJM, Carried.

Old Business:

Distracted Driving Legislation:

A five year extension has been granted due to the efforts of Steve Pengelly, VE3STV former RAC HLC, Jeff Stewart, VA3WXM Southern Ontario Director and Bill Unger, VE3XT North East Ontario Director.

Echolink:

Bob VE3LKD is performing the last of the system upgrades and will be ready shortly for pickup by Bernie VE3BQM. The node will be on the VE3OSR frequency of 146.940- tone 156.7. Tom VA3TS requested some info that could be used as a wepage on the GBARC website.

Club Repeaters:

Bob VE3NX informed the group that the tower access discussions were not successful. Bob has asked Jim Vamplew if the repeater could be located at the Woodford site on the 160 foot tower. This would greatly improve coverage to Meaford. No final answer as of yet.

Durham Digipeater: The group had a discussion about the Durham location which Bob VE3LKD pointed out is at the Firehall. This being the case it was felt that if we could not get on the water tower then current digipeaters would be satisfactory. The discussion also included the Kincardine Firehall location which Bob VE3LKD pointed out also includes a 2 mtr rig and has permission from the firechief. Since the location has a rig and tower the addition of a digipeater would be easy. Motion to purchase a TintyTracker4 by Gene VE3IJD, seconded by Jim VA3CJM, Carried.

Ontario QSO Party: This year the QSO party was held at the QTH of Adam VE3IZS. In attendance were VE3IZS, VA3TS, VA3STG, VA3FIN, VA3TSG and VA3VID whose score was 20680 points. Many thanks to Adam and Jenny for their hospitality.

100km Trek Cabot Head: (Bruce Peninsula Multisport Race) The club meeting was attended by Greg Hollinger VE3NXB who is one of the organizers of the 100km trek from Cabot Head to Wiarton on August 11th. Greg filled us in on may details and it seems they would like Club radio operators to provide communications where the use of cell phones is not

suitable. Greg communicated the all volunteers will receive a thank you meal at the end of the event.

Field Day: This years field day will be held on the weekend of June 23rd at the QTH of Tom VA3TS. Information will be posted on the club website. A motion to aquire a port a potty was raised by Gene VE3IJD and seconded by Bob VE3NX, carried. It was decided that dinner arrangements would be as follows. If your last name begins with the letter A to U then bring a meal dish and if your last name begins with a V to Z then bring a desert dish. It should be pointed out that there is usually plenty of food at field day, so the meal dish should not be too large.

Cabot Head: Adam VE3IZS reported that there is no news as yet about Cabot Head but it was felt that this would be a 1 day event and that there would not be an overnight stay.

Fleamarket: The next hamfest is June 3rd in Kitchener. If you are interested you need to come to a meeting to let us know.

New Business:

Laptop: Bernie VE3BQM presented a laptop he has for sale for \$80

Motion to adjourn: By Chris VA3OCT, seconded by Gerry VA3BWZ, carried at 7:54pm

Meeting Presentations: Tom VA3TS presented to the group his recent project using linksys wireless routers, reprogrammed to use HSMM-MESH firmware to allow these routers to be used for amateur radio communications. A chat server was installed on 1 router while 2 others, connected to laptops, were able to carry on a conversation over the wireless network. It was pointed out that this could be used for emergency communications, events or for just ragchewing.

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