



# Minutes of the GBARC meeting of January 24th, 2009

## GBARC January 24, 2009 General Meeting held in Owen Sound

President Dan, VE3CLD called the meeting to order at 19:15 hrs with 10 members and 1 guest F4EOR present.

### Secretary's Report

Secretary Gene, VE3IJD read and then moved adoption of the November 25, 2008 minutes, seconded by Jon VA3CIC, carried

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bernie, VE3BQM read his report advising that the club had a bank balance of \$2977.60. Motion by Bob, VE3LKD to accept the adoption of the report as read, seconded by Gary, VA3FV carried. Bob then moved that Bernie pay the postal box rent for 2009, seconded by Jon, VA3CIC carried.

### Old Business

Dan didn't order the digital voice unit yet because the OSR site is snowed in and until the road is open there's no use in spending the money. This unit and a weather warning system will be installed in the spring.

### Canwarn Training.

A Canwarn training session will be hosted by the Grey County ARES group. It will be held in Markdale on April 29, 2009 between 19:00 and 21:00 hrs. Contact Brad, VE3RHJ if interested in attending.

### Radio Course

There seems to be good interest in another ham radio course this year. Bob, VE3LKD has emailed the Red Cross Group to seek their interest as well. Possible dates are May, 2009. If you know of someone interested please contact Dan, VE3CLD.

### Emergency Demonstration

During the first week of May there will be an emergency demonstration held at the Plex in Port Elgin. The Bruce ARES group will be setting up an emergency preparedness demo at this event.

### F4EOR

William, from Paris France is currently on a one year working visa in Canada and joined our meeting. He works satellites, favourite is AO51 and uses our echo link often to talk with friends back home. He is currently working with BayShore Broadcasting, CFOS.

### New Repeater

Dan is hoping to have a repeater located in Mount Forest soon. There has been interest in linking it back to VE3ZAP in Shelburne for Canwarn coverage and it will be linked back to OSR on UHF like the other link repeaters in the system.

### Rac Memberships

Bernie would like everyone to keep an eye on their RAC membership renewal as it makes our insurance coverage a lot cheaper with more members. Insurance works on a membership of GBARC to membership in RAC ratio. If you join RAC please let Bernie or Gene know and they will keep the lists updated.

#### ARES/GBARC

Dan brought up a suggestion from various members that perhaps the ARES and GBARC group join together for some meetings as many of these groups members belong to both sides and share similar interests. As an example a single guest speaker could have a larger audience. Many of the newer members don't recall the riff that happened a few years ago between club members and the subsequent split that took place. Most believe it's time to let wounds heal and go ahead with it while others don't. More discussion will take place.

#### Flea Market

Dan suggested to the group that GBARC hold a Flea market sometime in June before Field Day. Discussion followed and a suitable place to hold it will be sought.

#### CNIB

Bernie received a letter from the Amateur part of CNIB requesting more funds for support of their cause. One of our members expressed concerns over lack of knowledge of just what the Amateur division does for our members and so before any donations are made the club will investigate further and report at the next meeting.

#### VHF Contest

Both Gene and Dan worked a few contacts in the contest held January 17. Conditions were very poor most of the weekend but some contacts were made on both vhf and six meters.

#### Presentation

Dan gave an excellent talk and demonstration of AM and FM modulation and the way that CTCSS or PL work inside radios. Lots of notes were scribbled on the dry erase board and he had his monitor scope and radio set up. He also showed us how not to plug a live non polarized plug into a radio to blow fuses that may be soldered in. 😊

#### Motion to Adjourn

Fred VA3STG moved to adjourn the meeting at 2100 hrs.

Minutes by Gene McDonald, VE3IJD