

EAST GIPPSLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.

Minutes of the Meeting held at Bairnsdale on Sunday 25th May 2008

President Barney Winton opened the Meeting at 1-40 pm

Attendance. David vk3dy – Ralph vk3frjk – Rex vk3arg & Shirley Foord – Michael vk3hau – Peter vk3bpb & Joy Brand – Barney vk3xbw – Darren vk3fabl – Bob vk3zan & Dot Neal – Rob vk3bjq – Kevin vk3vtr.

Apologies. Mark vk3moa – Noel vk3qj – George vk3hv.

Minutes. The Minutes of the March Meeting had been circulated and it was moved Michael vk3hau and seconded Peter vk3bpb that the Minutes be accepted. – carried

Correspondence. 1 – Letter sent to ACMA to change vk3egc licence holder address.
2 – Received EGARC insurance certificate

Treasurers Report. Outward - \$50 cheque to Sunraysia Radio Group presented and \$62 for vk3egc licence. Current bank balance \$625-16. Bank signatures have been changed to include our President. Moved Peter vk3bpb Seconded Rex vk3arg – carried.

Repeater Report. Bob vk3zan tabled a report. The UHF repeater was returned to service at Mt Taylor on May 15. The repaired equipment is ready to be returned to Mt Cann. Two 900s have been returned by Rex vk3arg after overhaul at Geelong.

IRLP Report. Some difficulty with the computer / radio interface. Working bee arranged for May 28.

Assessment & Training. Candidates need more time before discussion times. Several trial theory exam papers are available when candidates feel confident.

General Business. Car Rally – All participants agreed that it was an interesting event. Photos are on the vk3egc web site.

The secretary tabled a copy on the Second Edition Foundation Manual and application forms for WIA membership were distributed.

Discussion took place on a number of corrections from the 2008 call book. Secretary to inform WIA of corrections required.

Peter vk3fprf agreed to provide transport to return equipment to Mt Cann. Date to be arranged early June.

Peter vk3bpb had a number of Radio books offered for sale. He also had a number of lengths of coaxial cable and other items of hardware for distribution. It was agreed that the two Tait power supplies should be retained for Club use.

The Secretary distributed a paper on “Voice Repeater Guidelines,” in particular explaining some of the limitations of our linked repeater system, noting that one site operates from a solar power system.

There was some comment about the poor performance of the recently returned UHF repeater. There is a noticeable directional effect from the antenna, with the best performance appearing to be in a south- south / westerly direction. Moving the antenna a few degrees around the metal support may improve the performance in the Bairnsdale area. To be discussed further.

The Meeting closed at 2 – 30 pm

Chairperson.

