

EAST GIPPSLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.

Minutes of the Meeting held at Bairnsdale on Sunday 28 September 2008.

The Meeting was opened by President Barney vk3xbw at 1 – 35 pm.

Present. Peter vk3bpb & Joy Brand – Jon vk3fjrm – David vk3dy – Bob vk3zan & Dot Neal – Barney vk3xbw & Amalia Winton – Rex vk3arg & Shirley Foord – Peter vk3fprf – Noel vk3qj – Michael vk3hau.

Apologies. Nil

Minutes. The Minutes of the July Meeting had been circulated and it was moved Joy Brand and seconded by Peter vk3fprf that the Minutes be accepted – carried.

Correspondence. Email from Greg Pinnock to defer assessments.
Annual statement returned to Consumer Affairs
Email from Ralph vk3frjk resigning from EGARC.

Moved Barney vk3xbw – seconded Rex vk3arg – carried.

Treasurers Report. Inflow of cash from membership \$212-50

Bank balance - \$831-15

Accounts for payment – Peter vk3fprf \$60 steel mast – Mt Taylor

Peter vk3bpb \$31-90- for 2 ammeters

Barney vk3xbw \$39- for Foundation books

Moved Peter vk3bpb - seconded Noel vk3qj – carried

Repeater Report. Bob vk3zan tabled a report on the new antenna system at Mt Taylor and the visits to Mt Nowa Nowa and Mt Cann. The Mt Cann – Mt Nowa Nowa links are operating satisfactorily.

IRLP Update. Barney stated that about 60% of the DTMF inputs are successful. It is having moderate use and seems to be functioning satisfactorily.

Assessments & Training. Jon Manley has recently received the call sign - VK3FJRM.

Bob vk3zan is now holding 2 Foundation Assessment packs –

3 Standard Assessment packs & 3 Regulation Assessment packs. One Standard Assessment is scheduled for Saturday October 4. Rex vk3arg is attending an Assessors course in Geelong on 11 & 12 October. Barney vk3xbw has completed the Learner Facilitator Training Course.

General Business. After some discussion on the issue of “monthly or bi-monthly” meetings Barney put a motion to the meeting “That the Club meetings be held monthly at Bairnsdale except for the month of December”. This was seconded Michael vk3hau - carried.

Bob vk3zan requested guidance on extra charges that may be added to assessments to cover postage and other incidentals. It was moved Joy Brand that an extra \$11 be added to the schedule fees for each candidate to cover postage and other incidentals This was seconded by Peter vk3bpb and carried

Bob vk3zan read an item from the VK6 news in September AR which indicated that personal insurance for club members on WIA activities is not part of the WIA insurance system. It was recommended that the Secretary write to the WIA on the matter.

It is evident that since the upgrade of the Mt Taylor repeater some local intermittent interference is, at times, making Echo-Link unusable. The problem will be difficult to overcome. Two cavity band pass filters held at the site will be inserted into the receive line as a trial in the near future.

Michael vk3hau requested use of the club call sign – vk3egc – for a JOTA exercise to be held on October 18. The use was approved.

David questioned the value of the proposed new frequency allocation of 137khz. It seems difficult to establish a useful antenna and propagation is limited to ground waves

David also sought information on a USA stepper antenna. Subsequent

investigation produced information on the web site for STEPPIR ANTENNAS

The Meeting closed at 3 – 35 pm.

Chairperson