

EAST GIPPSLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.

Minutes of the Meeting held at Bairnsdale on Sunday 26th October 2008.

President Barney vk3xbw opened the Meeting at 1 – 30 pm

Present. Peter vk3prf – Michael vk3hau – Peter vk3bpb & Joy Brand – John vk3aoj – Barney vk3xbw – Bob vk3zan & Dot Neal – Noel vk3qj – David vk3dy
It was noted that Peter Filmer has received his Standard Licence call sign.

Apologies. Rex vk3aog & Shirley Foord – Paul vk3ss – Mark vk3moa – Jon vk3fjrm.

Minutes. The Minutes of the September Meeting had been circulated. It was noted that reference to the formation of a Technical Committee had been omitted. In other respects the Minutes were accepted. Moved Michael vk3hau and seconded Peter vk3prf – carried.

Correspondence. Email to WIA re Insurance – no reply.
Email Maurie vk3vlr re repairs to Mt Cann antennas
Email Mark vk3moa re membership
Email Paul vk3ss re membership acknowledgement.

Treasurer's Report. Peter vk3bpb tabled a report on the past months activity showing a balance in our Bank of \$891-14.

Repeater Report. Bob vk3zan tabled a report. Modifications to VK3RTU has improved its performance. A ctcss encoder has been added to the IRLP link to allow the broadcast to be run through this system.

Assessments & training. Barney vk3xbw has been issued with a Learning Facilitators number – LF-048 .Rex vk3arg and Arno vk3yap have both completed an Assessors course in Geelong. Bob vk3zan is being issued with a new Assessor's certificate after the 3 year expiry of the initial certificate

IRLP Report. Barney tabled a document on the options available over the IRLP network. The system has been out of service over the past week for radio modifications

JOTA Report. Barney vk3xbw and Michael vk3hau operated VHF and UHF systems at the Sale scout hall. Many world wide contacts were made through Echo-Link.

General Business. At the September Meeting Barney vk3xbw suggested we have a Technical Committee to deal with Repeater matters. This Committee to consist of Michael vk3hau - Barney vk3xbw - Bob vk3zan & Peter vk3bpb.

Although there are many options for downloading information from IRLP it was agreed that this should be limited to the WIA broadcast to be run at 10-30 am on Sunday mornings. Local news and callbacks will be arranged after the WIA broadcast

No further advice from WIA on our Insurance query

Michael vk3hau reported that Echo-Link is now operating satisfactorily through the UHF repeater at Mt Taylor since the radio modifications.

The next Meeting scheduled for November 23rd with a Meeting to be held on January 25th

The Meeting closed at 2 – 25 pm.

Chairperson.