

EAST GIPPSLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.

Minutes of the Meeting held at Bairnsdale on Sunday 25th January 2009.

President Barney vk3xbw opened the Meeting at 1-30 pm.

Present- Barney vk3xbw & Amelia Winton – Peter vk3bpb & Joy Brand – Rex vk3arg & Shirley Foord – Bob vk3zan & Dot Neal – David vk3dy & Margaret Scott – Noel vk3qj – Michael vk3hau – Peter vk3prf

Apologies- Jon vk3fjrm – George vk3hv

Minutes- As the Minutes of the previous Meeting had been circulated it was moved Joy Brand and seconded by Rex vk3arg that the Minutes be accepted - carried.

Correspondence- Eight items of correspondence were read by the Secretary. Several of these items were referred for discussion in General Business.

Treasurers Report- Peter vk3 bpb tabled a report that showed an inflow of \$76 and an outflow of \$76 representing a licence assessment. The Bank balance was shown at \$877-91 Two accounts were presented for payment- 1. Web site \$30. 2. Lock for VK3REB \$45. Moved Peter vk3 bpb and seconded Barney vk3xbw – carried.

Repeater Report – Bob vk3zan circulated a written report. The gate lock at Mt Nowa Nowa had been vandalized and needs to be replaced. The repeater antenna at Mt Nowa Nowa is no longer serviceable and the repeater has been changed to a temporary antenna until a replacement can be arranged. Maurie vk3vlr has reconnected the Mt Cann repeater to the top antenna.

Assessment & training- One assessment for a Standard licence was undertaken during December. Two Foundation Manuals are being made available to persons at Loch Sport.

IRLP & WIA Broadcast- Barney vk3xbw tabled a report. The IRLP audio has been modified and is considered to be of a satisfactory quality. The WIA broadcast will be run on Sunday at 10-30 am and on Wednesday evening at 8 pm. A beam antenna will be installed at the IRLP node in the near future

General Business- An Email from Ted Thrift confirmed that the WIA insurance is not a cover for personal injury. The insurance is only a cover for the liability of the club against damage to another property. Further investigation to be made about the action taken by the WA club.

AARMIE news service. Michael vk3hau will investigate joining this system.

It was agreed that in view of the Club's low financial position any replacement antenna for Mt Nowa Nowa be a 3db gain rather than the 4.5 db unit which has become unserviceable. Barney vk3xbw will discuss the purchase of an antenna and the replacement costs with Ralph vk3wre. Michael vk3hau will investigate another price.

The lower antenna at Mt Cann has no immediate use however the possibility of using this antenna for APRS will be discussed with Maurie vk3vlr

The WIA broadcast will continue on Wednesday evening at 8 pm

The Echo Link promotions will be discontinued on VK3RTU during week days.

Michael will arrange for publicity of the WIA news service being extended to VK3REB

Some items from the estate of Ben vk3cbe were available at the Meeting. The Meeting closed at 3-10 pm.

Chairperson