

EAST GIPPSLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.

Minutes of the Meeting held at Bairnsdale on Sunday 24th May 2009.

The Meeting was opened by President Barney vk3xbw at 1-30 pm.

Present – Peter vk3bpb & Joy Brand – Barney vk3xbw & Amalia Winton – Rex vk3arg & Shirley Foord – Bob vk3zan – Philip vk3bak – Peter vk3prf – Michael vk3hau.

Apologies – David vk3dy – George vk3hv – Dot Neal.

Minutes – Two corrections – the call sign for Jeremy should read – vk3flro and David vk3dy to be added to the attendance list. It was moved Joy Brand and seconded Rex vk3arg that the Minutes be accepted – carried.

Correspondence. Email from Ted Thrift re 100 year celebration and the opportunity to publicize Amateur Radio.

Publicity paper on fibre glass poles up to 10m in length

A list of WICEN exercises for the remainder of the year was tabled

Paper about RECOM and the need for clubs to prepare hardware for 80 m mobile antennas.

Treasurer's report. – Balance in the bank is \$754-24. Moved Peter vk3bpb – Seconded Peter vk3prf – carried.

Repeater Report. – Bob vk3zan reported that all systems are operating satisfactorily.

Assessments & Training. – No new activity in this area.

IRLP & B/cast. – Both IRLP on 146.900 repeater and Echo-Link on 439.525 repeater are operating satisfactorily. Rex vk3arg reported that a new IRLP node number 6572 is operating in Geelong.

General Business - Michael vk3hau provided a price for a 3db gain commercial antenna from RFI.

Barney vk3xbw advised that a 4.5 db gain antenna may be available from Mark vk3moa. Bob vk3zan negotiated a deal with Mark vk3moa and the following motion was put to the meeting. “The Club purchase the 4.5 db gain antenna from Mark vk3moa at a price of \$150 plus a two year subscription to EGARC membership. In addition Mark agreed to refurbish the old antenna for future EGARC use if it is returned to

him”

Moved Bob vk3zan and seconded Rex vk3arg - carried.

A feature has been appearing in the Bairnsdale Advertiser over recent weeks asking “not for profit” clubs to register for future publicity. Bob vk3zan will prepare a submission to the Bairnsdale Advertiser.

The Meeting closed at 2-30 pm.

Chairperson.

At the conclusion of the Meeting a number of members adjourned to Peter & Joy Brand's home where checks were made on the performance of SWR meters on a range of frequencies and numerous multimeters were checked for accuracy.

