

## EAST GIPPSLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.

Minutes of the Meeting held at Bairnsdale on Sunday June 28 – 2009

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

**Present.** Michael vk3hau – Peter vk3prf – Jeremy vk3vcc – Steve – Noel vk3qj – Bob vk3zan & Dot Neal – Barney vk3xbw & Amalia Winton – Peter vk3bpb & Joy Brand – Philip vk3bak.

**Apologies.** Rex vk3arg & Shirley Foord - David vk3dy.

**Minutes.** Joy Brand noted that a correction was required to the motion re purchase of the antenna – the motion should now read – “The Club purchase a 4.5 db antenna from Mark vk3moa at a price of \$100 plus a two year membership subscription. In addition Mark will refurbish the old antenna and hold it for future EGARC use”. With this correction it was moved Joy Brand and seconded Barney vk2xbw that the minutes be accepted – carried.

**Correspondence.** Bob vk3zan has put a submission to the Bairnsdale Advertiser in response to the “Join a Club” feature.

Rex vk3arg has prepared a paper on Assessment costs.

Email from Ted Thrift re Club use of centenary commemorative call sign

Paper from Michael re changes with the web site server.

**Treasurer’s Report.** Peter vk3bpb tabled a statement showing the bank balance as \$683-13.

An account for payment of VK3RTU licence of \$64

Cash received \$25 for sale of Foundation Study Manual

Moved Peter vk3bpb and seconded Dot Neal – carried.

**Repeater Report.** Bob vk3zan reported that the Mt Cann repeater had been out of service for about two weeks because a failure of the Solar panel regulator had allowed the battery to run down. Maurie vk3vlr subsequently used an engine driven generator to recharge the batteries and the repeater was returned to service on June 23.

**Assessment & Training.** One Assessment for upgrade to a standard licence was conducted 29<sup>th</sup> May. Jeremy now has the call sign VK3VCC

**IRLP & Broadcast.** Wednesday evening broadcast is attracting some listeners. Some improvements to the quality of the audio is needed.

**General Business.** The new antenna for Mt Nowa Nowa to be checked after this meeting and, if satisfactory, we need to arrange installation.

Philip vk3bak suggested we place a notice board in the RSL entrance directing people to our Meeting . We will need approval from RSL management before proceeding.

Michael explained changes to the web site hosting. It was agreed that the Blog page be discontinued and that it be replaced by a page that members can list projects they are involved with.

In view of the loss of power at Mt Cann, it was considered that we

should

have an early alarm of low battery voltage. Philip vk3bak to look into possible system..

Some concern was expressed about the number of local amateurs in the area who did not renew their membership this year. Barney vk3xbw to make phone contact with some.

Barney vk3xbw spoke about the new developments in software defined radio systems that are being developed. Some useful web sites are – MOKGK and HPSDP.org

The Meeting closed at 2 – 45 pm

Chairperson.

At the conclusion of the Meeting a number of amateurs adjourned the home of peter & Joy Brand where the 4.5 db antenna was erected on a mast and measurements were taken with Peter Filmer's MFJ antenna analyzer. Further tests were made with power applied through a Bird wattmeter. The antenna performed satisfactorily. Attempts to conduct field strength measurements were unsatisfactory