

## EAST GIPPSLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC

**Minutes of monthly meeting held on the 23<sup>th</sup> August at the Members Committee Room, RSL, Bairnsdale**

**The monthly meeting began at 1330 hours.**

**Present:**

Philip Gordon (3BAK), David Scott (3DY), Stephen Stebbing (3SRS),  
Michael Wain (3HAU), Rex Foord (3ARG), Shirley Foord, Dorothy Neal,  
Peter Filmer (3PRF), Noel Tuohill 3QJ, Bob Neal (3ZAN), Peter Brand (3BPB),  
Barney Winton (3XBW), Jocelyn Brand

**Apologies** were received from:

Jon Manley (3FJRM), Amalia Winton, Jeremy Stewart (3VCC),  
Robert King (3FRRR)

**Minutes of last meeting**

Moved Peter (3PRF), Seconded Jocelyn Brand, Carried

**Correspondence In:**

**Email:** Thu 30 July 2009: From Joy Brand to Philip Gordon and Barnett Winton  
Appointment at Wespac Bank, Bairnsdale to arrange new Signature  
Authority after change of office bearers.

**Email:** Thu 13 Aug 2009: From ICOM Australia  
IC-FR3000 Icom Repeater offer 50% off list price.

**Email:** Sun 16 Aug 2009: From Mike Alsop CU4AX  
Changes to IRLP script for WIA Broadcast

**Email:** Tue 18 Aug 2009: From Maurie Stanford 3VLR  
Wishes to renew Club Membership.

**Email:** Tue 18 Aug 2009: From Bob Neal to Secretary  
Request from Ted Thrift to update club details for inclusion in 2010 Callbook.

**Email:** Wed 19 Aug 2009: From Rhett Donnan VK3VHF  
Indicating that he would be unable to give a talk on APRS due to personal  
situation.

**Email:** Wed 19 Aug 2009: From Bob Neal to Secretary  
In response to Secretary's request for the "Snail Mail" distribution list.

## Correspondence Out:

**Email:** Thur 30 July 2009: From President to ZL2TWS

Requesting support for the ongoing presence of IRLP Node 6008 that they use frequently to keep in contact with their club member whilst he is in Bass Strait.

**Email:** Tue 18 Aug 2009: From Secretary to Bob Neal 3ZAN

Requesting the "Snail Mail" distribution list.

**Email:** Tue 18 Aug 2009: From Secretary to Ted Thrift

Advising that the Club Officers details on the WIA Club Website have been updated for inclusion in the 2010 Callbook.

## Reports:

Treasurers Report Balance \$1,049.83. \$330.00 from Membership renewals. Moved Joy Brand, Seconded Peter 3PRF, Carried

Assessment Report Since last meeting

- 2 Foundation licenses for Lakes Entrance candidates deferred.

IRLP Report

- Small script changes made to accommodate the changed file naming convention of the WIANEWS crew.
- Had to restart this weeks WIANEWS after TX hiccup.

Website Report

- Michael presented the meeting with usage details associated with the Clubs website [www.vk3egc.org](http://www.vk3egc.org). These details are provided by software offered by StatCounter.com as a freebie. The restriction is that it will report usage details on a rolling 500 call snapshot. This service is to continue free of charge into the future.

Repeater Report:

- The report for the last meeting was omitted. It was substantially the same as the AGM report. Bob reported that himself, Rex 3ARG and Peter 3BPB visited REB and changed the antenna connection to another dipole on the same tower. This was in response to the worsening crackle/interference that had plagued TX's from REB over some time.
- Bob suggested that the Club contact Amateur Radio Victoria for assistance in erecting the 4.5db Vertical antenna recently purchased from Mark 3MOA.
- Ron 3RS has again made a donation to the repeater fund and is much appreciated.

## General Business:

### Minutes:

- A larger font to be used when setting Minutes of Meetings was unanimously requested.

### Website:

- Michael 3HAU informed the meeting that the only recurring Website costs are - Domain Name \$18.00 p.a. and the redirection to qsl.net \$12.00 p.a

### Future Club Projects

- The President (Philip 3BAK) requested that the members have input into future club activities/projects and Guest Speakers that could be invited to address the monthly meetings.
- One proposal was for the Club to undertake the building of newer generation Repeater Controllers. This failed to attract any seconders.
- Peter 3BPB suggested that Computations for the erection of Antenna towers could be published to assist other Amateurs.

### FM900 DTMF Microphones

- Barnett 3XBW has done some work in this area and will prepare a "How To" document explaining how the current FM900 series remote heads can be modified to provide a Philips 8 pin socket on the front of the Remote Head together with additional wiring required to commission the DTMF Microphones that were recently acquired for Club members. Electrophone still have some DTMF microphones ex stock. These are model RTA100.

### DTMF DIALER:

- The DTMF dialer ex Peter 3BPB has had its pinout determined and will be used to provide DTMF capability to an FM900 when connected to the rear 8 pin connector. It was previously used in conjunction with an Icom IC-22S to control repeater controllers from an earlier version of the East Gippsland Repeater system.

### REVIEW MEETING PLACE VENUE

- Dorothy Neal reminded the meeting that a resolution was passed at the 2008 Annual General Meeting that September, November and January meetings were to be held at Maffra.
- Since the RSL Bairnsdale will not be available to the Club for October 2009 it was the feeling of the meeting that a suitable venue be located that would be suitable for some meetings to be held in the area. It was also the feeling of the meeting that such a location would provide similar meal provisioning as that enjoyed at the RSL Bairnsdale.
- Peter 3BPB suggested that for meetings taking place in the western part of the Club area, that car pooling be considered and that the location for such pooling be at Peters QTH in Bengworden Road.

## CLUB LOGO

- The President suggested to the meeting that it would be desirable for the Club to have a graphical logo that identified the geographical area the Club was located in. Such a logo could be used on official Club Stationery and the Club Website to name two examples. The meeting was encouraged to design such a logo and present their example to the next meeting.

## EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR THE CLUB EXECUTIVE

- Michael 3HAU was asked if such addresses were possible. The answer was in the affirmative and their provisioning became another action task. Michael said that individual email addresses were also possible. Anyone wishing such an address to consult him.

## JOTA

- Bob 3ZAN reminded the meeting that JOTA is soon to be on us and indicated that anyone who wished to participate and has not already got their "Working with Children" ID, should do so ASAP. Application forms were distributed to several interested amateurs.

## REB ANTENNA INSTALLATION

- Bob 3ZAN suggested that Amateur Radio Victoria be approached to provide assistance either financial or practical to enable the Clubs 4.5db vertical antenna to be installed at 3REB. This also became an Action item for Barnett 3XBW as secretary.

## RALLIES

- The Alpine Car Rally is being held on November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> this year and at the moment 2 operators are required to operate 2 metre packet. F calls are welcome. The general location will be around Lakes Entrance. Anyone interested to contact Col Pomroy 3BLE.

## PERSONAL INTEREST FORMS

- Philip 3BAK distributed some forms containing areas of interest within the hobby with a request that members indicate their areas of interest in order that the Club activities/Meetings may structure future activities/meetings to suit those preferences.

## CLUB BANK ACCOUNT SIGNATURES

- In order that the new signatories are able to operate the Club Account, the bank requires that the new arrangement be formally approved by the Club.

A motion "That the new signatories for the existing account at Westpac Banking Corporation will be as follows:- Philip Gordon, Barnett Winton and Jocelyn Brand and that any two (2) signatories are required to issue cheques on behalf of the Club" was put to the meeting.

Moved Jocelyn Brand, seconded Michael Wain (VK3HAU) and carried.

## CLUB HISTORY.

- Peter 3BPB has been organising some archival documents and Peter has requested direction from the Club Members as to how the documents are to be treated. He put a motion to the meeting "That any archival document that does not concern the Club be discarded". The documents in question relate to the 1980's.  
Moved Peter 3BPB, seconded Philip 3BAK, carried.

## ATTENDANCE RECORDING

- Dorothy Neal put it to the meeting that an attendance record be instituted for all Club Meetings/Activities. As this is a requirement under the rules of Incorporation, no motion was required and an Attendance sheet was passed around for those attending to sign and similar action will take place at all Club sanctioned Activities/Meetings. The secretary to organise.

## SPEAKER FOR NEXT MEETING

- Robert 3FRRR will speak on the use of PIC Microcomputers  
And their use in Amateur Radio

## Action List

<i>Description of action required</i>	<i>Responsible</i>	<i>Progress</i>
• Constitution to be sent to Michael VK3HAU	ZAN	Done
• Prepare details for a project to monitor repeater activity	BAK	Ongoing
• Mailing lists to be sent to XBW	ZAN	Done
• President to make contact with Amateurs in area	BAK	Ongoing
• Speaker / Presenter for next and future meetings	BAK	Ongoing
• Future meetings	BAK	Ongoing
• Facilitate access to IRLP from REG and REM	XBW	Ongoing
• Prepare details for a project if feasible, to transfer the IRLP Linking from VHF to UHF. A formal request is to be made with respect for a UHF frequency to be allocated to facilitate the linking. The result to be presented to the next meeting	XBW - Next Meeting	
• Club Website to allow for the following URL's <a href="mailto:president@vk3egc.org">president@vk3egc.org</a> redirect to Philip 3BAK <a href="mailto:secretary@vk3egc.org">secretary@vk3egc.org</a> redirect to Barnett 3XBW <a href="mailto:treasurer@vk3egc.org">treasurer@vk3egc.org</a> redirect to Jocelyn Brand	HAU - Next Meeting	
• All Minutes to be published to the Club Website	XBW - Next Meeting	
• The availability of Electrophone DTMF microphones Ex stock is to be investigated	XBW - Next Meeting	
• Investigate venues for Club Meetings to be held in the Western part of the Club area (Maffra or Sale)	XBW - Next Meeting	
• Barnett 3XBW to send the FM900 "How to modify FM900 remote head for DTMF microphone" to Michael 3HAU for inclusion on the club Website	XBW - Next Meeting	

**The meeting closed at 1515 hours.**

**The next meeting to be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at the RSL Rivers Room  
Bairnsdale at 1330 hours.**

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**These minutes are unconfirmed.**

**Barnett Winton VK3XBW,            Club Secretary**