

QARC Meeting Minutes - June 16 1999

Executive Present :

President: Dave Ackerman : VE3UGT

Treasurer: Don Dalrymple VE3DQN

Secretary : Peter Hodgson VA3PKH

General Meeting :

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. President Dave VE3UGT

Guest Speakers : Instead of a guest speaker the members and guests participated in an Antenna test held outside the Pioneer building. Various designs were tried and compared using test equipment brought in by members. Jim VE3VDQ won the door prize and there was no fifty fifty draw.

New Business : Dave VE3UGT spoke about several ideas that had been discussed at the executive meeting:

One idea was to have club tee shirts made in a bright colour with the club crest so that members working on communications for special events could be easily identified. The membership was in favour of this, and a price will be obtained from a local supplier.

Another idea was to award ballots to every member who participates in a club event, special event or meeting. These ballots will be drawn at the year end for some type of "super" door prize.

The executive had also discussed field day and as there had been very little response to the Picnic Field Day proposal it was the executives recommendation that we do not hold field day, individual members will probably participate from their own locations.

The trophy for The Reg Varcoe award was enlarged by Pat Kovac VE3KJP and now has room for many more award plates. The award should have been voted on at the May meeting, but was missed. If anyone has a nomination they wish to make please contact a member of the executive.

Tim VE3UO spoke about a large bicycle tour travelling through Prince Edward County on Tuesday June 22. Volunteers are needed to provide radio communications at the check points in Carrying Place, Wellington, and Picton. Al VE3WV will be operating the checkpoint in Carrying Place, and anyone who wishes to help can contact Paul VE3PSW or Jack VE3KFO. Ron

VE3IVC reported on the ARES involvement in possible Y2K problems with the area hospitals. The antenna at Napanee is being re located, and new coax will be run to it. Sharon Walker of the Red Cross is checking into the status of Level One training as it has been updated since our members last participated. The question of personal liability was discussed as ARES can only be called out by the Red Cross, and would then be covered by their insurance. In a Y2K emergency the hospital or municipality would be calling out the radio operators. Ron will check out this issue and report back. Ron also spoke about the Weather Watchers Net on VE3TJU, VE3RTR etc.

It is hoped to expand the system up into the eastern end of the province, as most of Ontario is now covered. Ron showed a Grid square Atlas produced for weather watchers by the Federal Government (NOTE: These are not Maidenhead Grid Squares as used in contests)

Dick VE3EER asked if the club would be running a basic course again this year as he knew someone who was interested. Dave stated that there had already been some interest expressed in a course for the fall so we will probably be starting on up in late September.

Old Business :

Tim VE3UO gave a repeater report to the membership. There is not much new to report on the relocation to Read. The frequencies in use on the tower will be fed in to a computer and checked to make sure there will be no intermod when QAR is installed. Don VE3DQN announced that there were some old call books and magazines available at the front of the room for those who wanted them.

Tim VE3UO announced to the membership that Tri County A.R.C. had donated a table to the club at the Hamfest in Marmora, and members could put any items they had for sale on it

There being no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned 9:25 p.m..

Members & Guests in Attendance at the meeting 16 June 1999

VA3PKH	PETER HODGSON	VE3EER	DICK HAYES
VE3ORC	OWEN CLARK	VE3GBJ	JIM BALLARD
VE3IVC	RON CHAPMAN	VE3HNQ	HAROLD QUINN
VE3UGT	DAVE ACKERMAN	VE3DQN	DON DALRYMPLE
VE3UO	TIM PEKKONEN	VE3HNJ	AL DAVIS
VE3VDQ	JIM BURLEY	VE3OX	AL SMARDON
VE3AWS	TONY ALLAN	VE3WV	AL TAYLOR
VE3HZZ	SCOTT HARNS	VA3LHM	LEE MCMURTER
VE3KWT	BILL WORKMAN	VE3BAM	HAYWARD MOORES
VE3CJG	GLEN CAMPBELL	VE3ENF	GARY RAINE
SWL	JEFF MUZZIN		