

EAST GIPPSLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.

Minutes of the Meeting held at Bairnsdale on Sunday 25 November 2007.

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

Attendance. Peter vk3bpb & Joy Brand – Barney vk3xbw & Amalia – Brian vk3vus – David vk3dy – Noel vk3qj – Bob vk3zan & Dot Neal – Rex vk3arg & Shirley Foord – Peter vk3fprf – Ralph vk3frjk.

Apologies. Paul vk3ss – Bill vk3hww.

Minutes. The Minutes of the October Meeting had been circulated to all members and it was moved Noel vk3qj and seconded by David vk3dy – carried.

Correspondence. The only correspondence was the information to members on

- 1 – Discussion paper prepared by Barney vk3xbw on Echo Link -Irlp proposal.
- 2 - Documentation from Michael vk3hau on his Echo Link system.

Treasurer. Balance in the Bank \$1222-67. 1 uncashed cheque of \$50.
Cheque for \$120 to WIA for 6 call books.

Moved Peter vk3bpb – seconded Peter vk3fprf – carried

Repeater Report. Bob vk3zan distributed a written report to members setting out numerous faults being experienced with the Philips 900s after some 8 years of service, indicating that these units are not suitable for repeater service in the long term.

It was agreed that we approach WIA and ARV for assistance in obtaining more suitable equipment for our repeaters.

Moved Bob vk3zan – seconded Ralph vk3frjk – carried.

General Business. IRLP – ECHOLINK. Discussion centered around the two documents that had been distributed to members and a further paper tabled by David vk3dy.

It was considered that the WIA broadcast may be able to be sourced from Michael's Echo-Link when he establishes an antenna on the tower at Paul's vk3ss qth. This would leave vk3reb at Mt Nowa Nowa to operate as an IRLP node without Echo-Link.

To establish the IRLP node will require the purchase of hardware and software from Canada at a cost of approximately \$200. The remaining computer and interface will be sourced locally at very little cost. Barney vk3xbw is prepared to run the system through his existing broadband internet connection.

It was moved Barney vk3xbw and seconded by David vk3dy that the items be purchased from Canada and that we proceed to assemble the other necessary items. – carried.

The Secretary advised that a number of regular members have not paid their membership this year. Secretary to follow up.

Orders will be placed for 6 call books. Will be collected from WIA

Ralph vk3frjk moved that meeting times be more flexible to avoid conflict with other activities such as the car rally exercise. Seconded

Peter vk3fprf. – carried
The meeting closed at 3-07 pm.

Chairperson.